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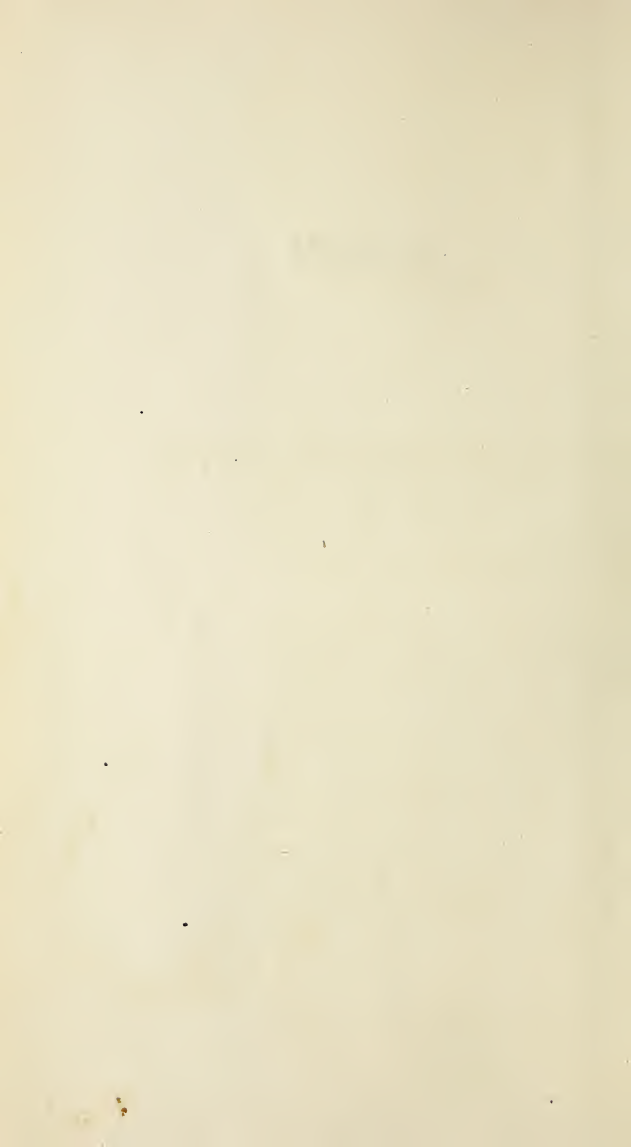
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PREFACE.

This book has been prepared solely for the purpose of preserving the history of this Church, and making a permanent record which neither caprice nor accident can destroy. A great deal of time and labor has been spent to verify every statement of fact, but many of them could not be verified, and often there has been a conflict in authorities, which rendered it still more difficult. In every doubtful case the most probable version has been given, with the hope that some one seeing, might thus be led to substantiate or disprove the statement. To this end it is *earnestly desired* that *any one* detecting an omission, or error of *any kind* in this book, will *at once* point it out to the Church Clerk or Pastor. *Any* trustworthy information will be gladly received. If any one, able to give information, has not been applied to, it is because the author did not know that such person possessed it.

The authorities cited are: Hotchkiss's History of Western New York; Fowler's Presbyterianism in Central New York; Gillett's History of the Presbyterian Church; New York State Gazetteer; Clark's History of Chenango County; Hon. S. S. Randall's Letters; Files of Norwich Journal, Chenango Union, and Anti-Masonic and Chenango Telegraph; Records of Chenango and Otsego Presbyteries, Chenango County Bible Society, and various others.

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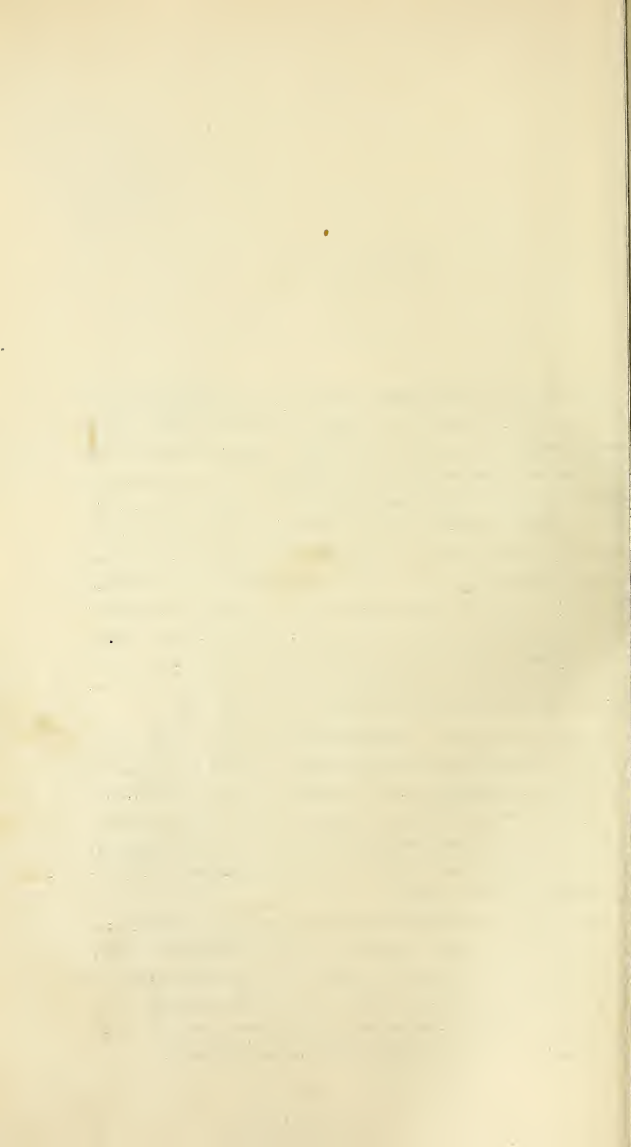


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HISTORY.

CHAPTER I.

EARLY RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF CHENANGO COUNTY.

On Monday, November 1, 1683, the original County of Albany, State of New York, was erected by the English Government, and comprised nearly all of the present State.

Thursday, March 12, 1772, "Tryon County," famous in the Revolution, was taken from Albany County, and Friday, April 2, 1784, its name was changed to Montgomery. It included all that part of the State lying west of the centre of the present County of Schoharie. All that part of it lying west of the Unadilla river was known as "Western New York." The part of this section, now the Counties of Broome, Chenango, Madison, and parts of Oneida and Delaware, was called "The Shenang Country," taking its name from the river, which the Indians had named "Chenango," or "pleasant" river.

Wednesday, February 16, 1791, Tioga and Herkimer Counties were set off from Montgomery, the "Chenango Country" being included in the former.

Thursday, March 15, 1798, Chenango County was taken off from Herkimer and Tioga, and included Madison and part of Oneida Counties. The latter was taken off in 1804, and the former in 1806.

In May, 1790, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States commissioned Revs. Nathan Ker and Joshua Hart as missionaries, to labor three months each in the frontier settlements of New York and Pennsylvania, beginning early in June. They were no doubt the first missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Western New York. During this tour these men came into the "Chenango Country," and preached a short time in Binghamton—then called "Chenango Point"—and Unadilla. The Congregational General Association of Connecticut also sent missionaries into this region, about this time. (H., p. 180; F., p. 47.)

In 1791, The General Assembly employed Revs. James Boyd and Aaron Condict as missionaries, and they spent a portion of their time in this section. (F., p. 47.)

Thursday, August 15, 1793, Rev. Benjamin Judd, a missionary from The General Assembly, assisted by Rev. Daniel Buck, who had been a Major in the Revolution, organized a Congregational Church at Oquago, now Colesville, Broome County. It had seven members, and was probably the first Congregational Church organized in Western New York. Oquago was then in the "Chenango Country." (H., ps. 29, 66, 67 and 302; F., p. 47.)

Sunday, July 6, 1794, the First Congregational Church of Sherburne was organized, with seventeen members, by Rev. Mr. Campbell, a missionary from Connecticut. (H., ps. 29, 62 and 288.)

At some time during the last of 1797 or the first of 1798, the Congregational Church at Lisle was organized, with sixteen members, by Rev. Seth Williston, then a missionary employed by The Missionary Society of Connecticut. Lisle was then also in the "Chenango Country." (H., ps. 65 and 427.)

At about the same time, and so near that it cannot now be told which was first, though the preference is given to Lisle, a Congregational Church was organized at Jericho—now Bainbridge—by Rev. William Stone, as is supposed, though not without some doubt. In 1798 Mr. Joel Chapin was ordained and installed over that Church, by a Council. This was the first ordination of a Congregational minister that took place in the "Chenango Country," and probably in Western New York. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1791, at the age of thirty years, in the same class with Rev. Seth Williston, who was at his ordination. He died in 1845, in Pennsylvania. (H., ps. 67 and 297.)

In 1799 the Congregational Church at Oxford was organized by Rev. John Camp, with only a few members. (H., ps. 73 and 295.)

The foregoing gives in outline, the religious history of the section which before 1800 was included in Chenango County, and shows that our denomination, if not the first, was not a whit behind in bringing the gospel into this section of the State, for all the ministers who settled in the Chenango Country before 1800 were Congregationalists, strictly Calvinistic, and very devout. (H., p. 70.)

CHAPTER II.

EARLY RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF NORWICH.

Saturday, January 19, 1793, the town of Norwich was erected, and included the present towns of Union, (Broome Co.,) Bainbridge, New Berlin, North Norwich, Pharsalia, Plymouth and Preston. The only buildings on the site of the present village, were four log cabins. One of these was where Dr. Harris' house now stands, No. 308 Broad Street; a second where now is the store, No. 184 Broad Street; a third near the old Coomes place, No. 45 Broad Street; the fourth was built that year, near the river, (probably on the east side, near where Matthew

nsford's farm house now stands,) by Hezekiah Pellet, who had
ved with his family from Schenectady. He was the father of "Un-
John Pellet," who died a few years ago, and who was then five
rs old. (Talks with Uncle John.)

n 1793 or '94, it is not known which, Rev. Manasseh French came,
l was undoubtedly the first clergyman who held religious services
the village. (Uncle John Pellet.) It is not known where he came
m, what denomination he belonged to, nor how long he stayed. Dr.
rris thinks he was preaching here in 1796 or '97. He must have left
place very near this date, if indeed he remained so long.

The next minister to come into the village was Elder Elisha Ransom, a
ptist, who afterwards was settled in Plymouth. He could not have
yed longer than a few months, for in 1798, probably, Rev. John
np came to Oxford, and for seven or eight years was employed by
people of that village and Norwich, without regard to denomina-
n, and he preached alternately in the two villages. (H., ps. 292,
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The year 1799 was long afterward known as "The Year of the Great
vival." The work began in the village of Palmyra, and spread to
rly every settlement in Western New York. (Dr. Williston in H.,
36.) Probably growing out of this revival, Thursday, October 30,
0, "The First Associated Presbyterian Society and Congregation of
rwich" was formed at the house of Dea. Elisha Smith, which stood
the south-east corner of the present West Park. He was grand-
her of the Smiths in "The Quarter," and had been Deacon of a
urch in Connecticut. At this meeting Stephen Collins was chosen
derator, and Silas Cole, Clerk. The Trustees were Stephen Collins,
n Welch, Benjamin Edmonds, Nathan Parker, Phineas Wells and
lliam Smith. This Society was incorporated Sunday, January 18,
1. (Book of Incorp. of Relig. Socs., at Clerk's Office.) Saturday,
he 20, 1801, "The Second Religious Society of Norwich" was formed
n the Square of number 14—known as Cheley—in the village of
rwich." This was probably the side hill, west of the creek. Silas
amplin and Gurdon Hewitt were elected officers, and Silas Champ-
Nathan Squire, Frederick Bacon, Israel Clark, Randel Billings and
omas Richman, Trustees. It was incorporated Thursday, July 9,
1. (Book of Incorp. of Relig. Socs.) It is not known that any
urch was organized by either of these societies, and it is probable
re was none. The last was undoubtedly a Universalist organiza-
n.

The labors of Mr. Camp ended about 1806, and for several years the
y religious services held in the village were occasional sermons by
ne missionary or Methodist preacher who chanced to come along.
y few of the settlers were religious people, and there being no
urch organization, those who had once been professors of religion,
eting with no sympathy, soon relapsed into worldliness.

CHAPTER III.

FORMATION OF SEVERAL RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

In the year 1806, Truman Enos came into the village of Norwich and engaged in the tanning business, very near the site of the Guernsey stone mill on West Street, and lived in the house just east, now known as the "old Enos place." Though a straight-forward man in business, he was very far from being a Christian. On a Sunday 1811 he went upon the West Hill, as was his wont, hunting deer. As drew near night, having been unsuccessful, he came out into a clearing facing the west and the setting sun, when suddenly there came into his mind the Bible lessons taught him by his mother years before, and seemed to himself "the wickedest man on earth." He hurried home under deep conviction, and for several days tried to smother his feelings. Not succeeding in this he bought a Bible, read it and tried to pray, but could not. There were at this time several hundreds of people in the vicinity, but the only one he knew who even pretended to be a Christian was Mrs. Elizabeth Snow. He called upon her, and she prayed with him. He, however, found no peace until he had read his Bible and prayed himself. Then the command of Christ to Peter, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren," he took to himself, and he was a Peter indeed, for with all the great energy of his nature he attacked Sabbath breaking and all infidelity, and soon the mill was closed on Sunday and hunting and fishing, and visiting on that day, were to a great degree checked.

About this time several professors of religion moved into the village and much more attention was paid to religious matters. In the village services were held in school-houses or other commodious buildings and out of the village in barns. Mrs. Elijah Lewis remembers attending a preaching service in 1809 or '10, in a large new barn on the farm where Benjamin Barber now lives, four miles south of the village. These services were all conducted by missionaries or other traveling ministers, as, after Mr. Camp left, no minister settled in the village for several years.

The next winter Joseph S. Fenton, partner in business with Mr. Enos, was converted through Mr. Enos' influence, and from that time they were partners in every work that was undertaken for the building up of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the village.

In the fall of 1812, Rev. Jonathan Hascall, a Baptist, from Oneida County, who had been in the place a few times previously, came along and stopped at Mr. Enos' house, and Mr. Enos engaged the ball-room of the tavern—the "Old Yellow House," kept by Benjamin Edmonds—now the residence of Dr. Charles M. Purdy, No. 138 Broad Street—at Mr. Hascall preached there the following Sunday to a good congregation. After the services a consultation was held around the stove which resulted in Mr. Hascall being hired for a year, on a salary

\$300.00 in money and produce." Mr. Enos carried the subscription per up and down the valley, and raised the amount; all the citizens contributing, whether Christians or not. (Talks with Mr. Enos.)

About this time Congregational missionaries, employed by the Missionary Society of Connecticut, began to visit the place and hold services. Prominent among these was Rev. David Harrower. On Friday, November 27, 1812, he wrote to that Society: "Rode to Norwich village, about ten miles (from Oxford.) The village is very beautifully situated, and with the vicinity might form a large congregation. By formation, religion is here in a very low state." Two days after he again wrote: "November, 29, Lord's Day. The assembly here was small, though the place is populous. Finding the restoration scheme prevailed in this place, I preached twice on the eternity of future punishment. The inattention of the people so discouraged me that no evening appointment was made. In this I now think that I was too foolish." (Letter of Rev. M. N. Moore.)

Saturday, June 26, 1813, "The First Congregational Baptist Society Norwich" was formed in the Court House. Rev. Jonathan Hascall and Stephen Steere were elected officers, and the following as Trustees: John Randall and Samuel Hammond, 1st class; Casper M. Rouse and Hascall Ransford, 2d class; Asa Norton and Truman Enos, 3d class." This Society was incorporated Monday, July 5, 1813. (Book corp. Relig. Socs.)

Wednesday, December 8, 1813, Mr. Harrower again wrote: "The day was stormy, and therefore I only rode eight miles to the village of Norwich. In the evening I preached. The assembly was small, but they gave excellent attention. There are some hopeful converts in this place since I visited them before. There is a praying female society recently formed here, and I cannot but hope that the Lord will visit this people." (Letter of Rev. M. N. Moore.) Mr. Hascall was undoubtedly laboring in the village at this time, but he is not mentioned in any reports by missionaries.

Rev. Joel T. Benedict, who had just closed his seven years pastorate over the Congregational Church at Franklin, and had resumed missionary labor in connection with Mr. Harrower, in the employ of the same society, wrote under date of Tuesday, April 6, 1814: "In company with Mr. Harrower, rode eight miles to Norwich. On the earnest request of some of the inhabitants we tarried, and I preached in the evening to a large and solemn assembly. The epidemic" (spotted fever) "is prevailing here to a great degree, and is very mortal. We visited several families; conversed with the heads of families who had recently obtained a hope of reconciliation to God. They appear to be fully humbled, and received instruction with great delight. Gave some pamphlets to individuals. A Mr. Fenton gave to the Society \$100."

CHAPTER IV.

ORGANIZATION OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NORWICH.

Under the faithful labors of Mr. Harrower and Mr. Benedict, and the zeal of the little company of believers, the number of Christians and their spirituality soon increased, and they began to want church organizations in which those of the same faith could unite for mutual sympathy and freedom of expression. Mr. Benedict was written to and under date of Monday, June 13, 1814, he wrote to the Missionary Society: "Having received a letter from Norwich, in the County of Chenango, to assist in the organization of a Church in that place judged best," he rode to Sidney and preached a funeral sermon. Then he rode to Eastern, (Guilford,) and next day, "Tuesday, 14th. Rode sixteen miles to Norwich. Here met Mr. Colton. He preached in the afternoon. Wednesday, 15th, after consulting with some of the principal persons proposing to unite in forming a Church, it was agreed to proceed to-morrow on the examination. Preached in the afternoon to full assembly and very attentive. Thursday, 16th June. The day was employed in the examination of those who proposed to compose the Church. Six males and ten females presented themselves for examination. Not being able to complete the examination, postponed it until Saturday next. This day was an unusually solemn season; the candidates gave very satisfactory evidence of a real change of heart."

"Friday, 17th. The day being very wet, visited a few families only.

"Saturday, 18th. One male and five females in addition to those already examined, were examined. Four of them, with the other sixteen, were approved." (Mr. Benedict makes an error here. There were twenty-one approved, as will be seen farther on.) "A confession of faith and covenant having been prepared, was read to them and met their approbation. Agreed, by Divine leave, to organize them into a visible Church on the next Lord's day."

"Lord's Day, June 19th. Preached in the morning. After sermon proceeded to organize the following persons into a regular visible Church of Christ, viz: Tracy Ensworth and Polly, his wife; John Ambler and Ruth, his wife; Joseph Kelso and Esther, his wife; Elijah Chamberlain; Levi Ray and Tryphena, his wife; Joseph T. Fenton and Sarah T., his wife; Truman Enos and Linda, his wife; Prudence Dickinson Eliza Snow, Bridget Wells, Hannah Randal, Adocia Smith, Phebe Brewer, Betsey Miller, and Polly Brewster. Of these six were baptized, and after the Church was organized, baptized nineteen children. Afternoon, preached and administered the Lord's Supper. The audience was large, supposed to be nearly four hundred. The change which has taken place in this village is surprising. Three years since it was difficult to obtain leave to preach in the place. The Sabbath was a day of labor or festivity and mirth, with not a human professor

it, or a family who offered the evening and morning sacrifice. Now the Sabbath is revered, divine worship attended, a respectable, zealous Church, and a female prayer meeting, composed of ten or twelve females. The congregation contributed \$5.86." (Letter of Rev. M. J. Moore.)

Among the children baptized were Philinda, daughter of Truman and Linda Enos; William M., Sarah Frances, Lovinia B., and Julia I., children of Joseph S. and Sarah T. Fenton; one or two children of Judge Elisha and Adocia Smith; and two sons of Tracy and Elizabeth Ensworth. (Dr. Harris.)

In his report to the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, Mr. Benedict writes: "In the shire-town of the County of Cheshire, called Norwich, for years past the greatest stupidity, and an almost total indifference to divine things prevailed, and the Sabbath was wholly neglected. During the last winter and spring the Lord remarkably owned the labors of missionaries in that place. I organized a Church there in June, consisting of twenty members, and on the Sabbath the audience was large; nearly four hundred persons attended. It is impossible to describe the alteration that has taken place here within a short time for the better." (H., ps. 292-3.)

The services described by Mr. Benedict, were held in the old Wood Court House, which occupied the same ground on which the present stone building stands. His sermon was from the text, Acts, 27, 28: "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast appointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy council determined before to be done." Thus the infant Church was fed on strong meat from the first. (Old Manual.) Rev. John B. Hoyt assisted in the services. He was from 1820 to 1833 pastor of the Congregational Church at Greene, and from 1833 until his death, in 1862, pastor of 2d Congregational Church at Coventry. Elder Elisha Ransom, then pastor of the Baptist Church in Plymouth, mentioned on page 11—a very godly man—conducted the examination of candidates, and made it very thorough.

Twenty-one passed satisfactorily, and one or two were rejected. Those accepted were the following: Tracy Ensworth, Sen., and Elizabeth, his wife; John Ambler and Ruth, his wife; Joseph Kelso and Esther, his wife; Elijah Chamberlin; Levi Ray, Sen., and Tryphena, his wife; Joseph S. Fenton and Sarah T. Brush, his wife; Truman Enos and Linda Trall, his wife; Prudence, wife of Josiah Dickinson; Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Snow; Bridget, wife of Ephraim Wells; Hannah Snow, wife of John Randall; Adocia, wife of Judge Elisha B. Smith; Phebe, wife of a Mr. Brewer; Betsey Miller; and Polly Brisbee, afterwards the wife of Friend Thrall, and Frederick Hopkins, Sen.: seven males and fourteen females. The greater part lived in the vil-

lage, but some on Great Brook, in New Berlin, and some in Presto. They are all dead now. Father Enos—the first and the last—died Tuesday, May 11, 1869, aged nearly ninety years.

CHAPTER V.

FIRST ARTICLES OF FAITH AND COVENANT.

The Church was organized as "The First Congregational Church Norwich, N. Y." Articles of Faith and a Covenant were adopted and were as follows:

ART. 1. Do you believe that there is one, and but one God, in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost?

ART. 2. Do you believe that God for his own glory hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass, and performs all things in a manner which is perfectly consistent with the free moral agency of his creatures?

ART. 3. Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are given by the inspiration of God, and contain a perfect rule of faith and practice?

ART. 4. Do you believe that man was created in the image of God which consisted in holiness, and that he was placed under a law which was holy, just and good, requiring perfect obedience thereunto?

ART. 5. Do you believe that by transgression man fell from original rectitude, and became exposed, himself and all his posterity, to the wrath of God, and are by nature enemies to God in all their volitions and deeds?

ART. 6. Do you believe that from the ages of eternity, God provided a Saviour for lost man, and by the union of the human and divine natures in the second person of the Trinity he became qualified as Mediator, and that by his sufferings and death he hath opened a way for the honorable exhibition of mercy toward sinners of mankind?

ART. 7. Do you believe that God from the ages of eternity elected some of the human family to eternal life, and that the elect, and they only, will be renewed by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit, and accept of offered mercy?

ART. 8. Do you believe that they who are regenerated are justified through faith in Christ, and that they as well as all other rational creatures are under obligation to obey the law as a perfect rule of righteousness?

ART. 9. Do you believe that the regenerate do not in this life wholly cease from sin, yet according to divine promise will persevere in holiness unto eternal life?

ART. 10. Do you believe that a strict observance of the first day of the week as a holy Sabbath is binding on all men who live under the light of the Gospel?

ART. 11. Do you believe that those who give visible evidence of faith in Christ, and unite in covenant, constitute a particular Church, and that real holiness is a necessary qualification for Christian communion?

ART. 12. Do you believe that Christ hath instituted two sacraments for the use and benefit of his Church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper—the former to be set as a seal on all believers and their households, and the latter to be received by those who give evidence of a change of heart and are cordially received into fellowship by the Church?

ART. 13. Do you believe that Christ hath instituted discipline in his Church, according to Matthew 18, and that every Church has a right to discipline its members?

ART. 14. Do you believe that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, who shall appear in the clouds of heaven, raise the dead, pass sentence on the human race, doom the wicked to endless punishment, and receive the righteous to life eternal?

Do you thus believe?

COVENANT.

Sensible of your dependence on God, and your infinite obligation to his glory, do you now, in the presence of the dread majesty of heaven and earth, the Searcher of all hearts, and in view of angels and men, solemnly covenant to be the Lord's? do you avouch Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be your God, Redeemer and Sanctifier?

Do you freely give yourself and your all to God, and take his word for your only rule of faith and practice?

Do you solemnly engage, divine Grace assisting, to lead a life of piety towards God and uprightness towards men?

Do you promise daily to maintain family and closet prayer, to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, and attend on the stated administrations of the Word and ordinances administered in this Church while you continue to be one of its members?

Do you engage to dedicate your household to God in the ordinance of Baptism, and use your endeavors to restrain those committed to your care from Balls and other places of sinful amusement, and train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? ("From Balls and other," &c., was afterwards changed to "from all sinful practices.")

Do you also covenant as members of this Church, to watch over one another in love, to be tender of each other's characters, kindly to admonish and receive admonition, and restore in the spirit of meekness those who may have gone astray and given evidence of repentance?

Do you engage to use your endeavors to maintain Gospel discipline in this Church, to support the Gospel ministry, and encourage and promote in all places and in all proper ways the preaching of the doctrines contained in the Articles of Faith adopted by this Church, and the doctrines, duties and precepts of the Divine Word?

Do you thus solemnly promise and covenant to live and to walk, depending on the triune God for strength and grace to comfort and guide you into all truth?

The Church on their part, &c.*

May God make you faithful in this world, and eventually receive you with all the redeemed to himself in glory.

On the organization of the Church, Elijah Chamberlin and Tracy Asworth, Sen., were chosen its first Deacons.

Elder Hascall was living in the village at this time, and was very much opposed to the formation of this Church, doing all he could, and saying many hard things against it. How long he stayed after this is not known. He was one of the fifteen persons who were formed into the Baptist Church, August 18, 1814.

*The Covenant on the part of the Church was not given in the old copy from which these articles were taken.

CHAPTER VI.

FIRST EFFORTS TOWARD BUILDING A MEETING HOUSE.

About 1813, Rev. Jedediah Randall, generally known as "E. Randall," came into the village of Norwich, and bought and occupied the house, No. 66 Broad Street, the residence of the late Judge Chauncey York. The house had been built and used as a hotel by Silas C. Randall, supposed to have been the third white person who came into the village. (Clark's History.) Elder Randall organized the Baptist Church of Norwich in the "ball room" of this house, Thursday, August 18, 1814, and for a few years the Sabbath services at which he officiated were held in this room, he making a free gift of this room and his services, and entertainment to those who came from a distance. The side by side were the two Churches launched.

The Congregational Church had no settled pastor for three or four years. The Sunday services, at which Mr. Fenton or David Buttolph usually read a sermon—often one of Payson's—were generally held in the two-story Academy, which was torn down to make room for a stone house, No. 286 Broad Street, corner Mitchell, now the residence of John Mitchell. Sometimes it was locked against them by a "liar pesky teacher," thought to have been Noah Hubbard, who loved to annoy them for their strong doctrines about the future state. The weekly prayer meetings were held in the large kitchens of Mr. Fenton or Mr. Fenton.

The Missionary Society of Connecticut, which, with other local societies, became in 1826 the American Home Mission Society, for many of the time during these years supplied the Church with preaching its missionaries. At such times the Sabbath services were held generally in the Court House, which was also used by the Baptist Church. The Records of the Missionary Society for that early time were very carefully preserved, so it is impossible now to give the name of every one who thus labored with the Church. Among them were Rev. Asa Messer, who stayed about nine months; Rev. William M. Adams, who was the first regularly hired minister of this Church, but was only a licentiate at the time; Rev. Benjamin Bell; Rev. Norris Butterfield, who came probably some time in 1819; Rev. Ezekiel J. Chapman, brother of Benjamin Chapman, of this village.

Although the Church was without a pastor, and few in numbers, it was strong in faith and good works. The untiring zeal of Mr. Fenton and Mr. Fenton, united with the prayers and labors of the little band of Christians, soon began to tell on the community, and strong men began to bow to the Savior. The little band was soon increased by such men as Nehemiah Shumway, David Buttolph, Jeduthan Hitchcock, Abner W. Warner, and many others like them.

Monday, July 15, 1816, the Church met at the Court House and incorporated "The First Congregational Society of Norwich, N. Y."

according to law, Truman Enos and Joseph Kelso presiding officers. Trustees elected were: Ephraim Wells and James Birdsall, 1st class; Truman Enos and Joseph S. Fenton, 2d class; Elijah Chamberlain and Joseph Kelso, 3d class; David Buttolph, Clerk. (Book Incorp. Relig. Socs.) This action was undoubtedly the initial step towards building a house of worship, and it was probably at this meeting, or one held very soon after, that, as Mr. Enos said, "Mr. Fenton and I were appointed building committee to raise the funds." He adds: "We scoured the whole township, taking money or produce of any kind—anything that a man could give—and soon set the carpenters at work." (Mr. Scofield's paper on Mr. Enos.)

Monday, August 12, 1816, "The Baptist Church and Society of Norwich" was incorporated at the Court House, Elder Jedediah Randall and Elias Breed presiding officers. Trustees elected were: Hascall Mansford, Thompson Mead and Charles Randall, 1st class; Hezekiah Brown, Thomas Prentice and Elias Breed, 2d class; Isaac Slater, Lot Clark and Asa Norton, 3d class. (Book Incorp. Relig. Socs.)

Mr. Enos and Mr. Fenton were busy during the summer and fall with the subscription, and the work was begun. Joel Atkins was engaged to draw the plans and superintend the work. In the first number of the "Norwich Journal," published Thursday, November 21, 1816, was this advertisement, which was kept in until January 29, 1817:

"NOTICE.—The subscriber will receive, in the village of Norwich, any time between this and the first day of February next, lumber of the following description, on subscription for the Presbyterian Meeting house, to wit: clear stuff boards, of one inch, and one inch and a quarter thick, and the first rate shingles; well seasoned boards at twelve dollars per thousand, green at ten dollars per thousand—for shingles, one dollar and seventy-five cents per thousand. All those who can deliver the lumber immediately, are requested to do so.

"Norwich, Nov. 21, 1816.

WILLIAM WAIT."

This William Wait was the father of Demon Wait, of this village, and was a millwright and carpenter, who did much of the work in the erection of the Congregational Church. He also put up the frame of the first Baptist Church, which stood on the East Park, in front of the present piano building. (Mrs. Elijah Lewis.) Dr. Harris says that Josiah Dickinson assisted Mr. Wait on the Congregational Church. Some of the work was probably done during the winter.

The Baptist Church building was also commenced this year, and was finished in 1818, the year before the Congregational.

CHAPTER VII.

BUILDING AND DEDICATION OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

About the middle of December, 1816, the signs of a revival began to appear. Rev. John Truair, pastor at Sherburne, came and labored

several days with this Church. Dr. Hotchkiss writes: "By the close of the year, the work had become general, and was deep, rapid, and irresistible. There was scarcely a thoughtless mind in the whole village. In a short time more than a hundred professed a hope in Christ. All classes were subjects of the work; the old and the young; the rich and the poor; the learned and the ignorant; the lawyer, the farmer and mechanic; all alike were made to bow to the sceptre of Immanuel. In the month of June it is stated that more than sixty had united with the Congregational Church." (H., ps. 127-8; F., p. 183.)

In the "Norwich Journal" of January 15, 1817, is this "local:"

"THE WORK OF GOD.—Within a few weeks past there has been a great awakening in this place—the last Sabbath were baptized by Elder Ferris (of the Baptist Church) 33, and a considerable number now stand propounded for admission to the Presbyterian Church."

The records show that fifty-six united in January, 1817. It is not known what minister was laboring with the Church at this time. It may have been Rev. Asa Messer. Mr. Truair, of Sherburne, assisted without doubt, several times during the winter. This was at the time that Rev. Asahel Nettleton, D. D., was preaching with such power and effect in the towns of Western Massachusetts and Saratoga County, N. Y. He did not come into this section, but the influence was felt through all the State.

Wednesday, February 5, 1817, the "Norwich Journal" contained the following advertisement:

NOTICE—Is hereby given to such of the subscribers to the *Congregational Meeting house* in this village, as contracted to pay in lumber, that the following prices will be allowed for that which shall be delivered by the first of March, viz: for

Clear stuff seasoned, pine boards,	\$12 per M
do do clapboards,	10 do
Common boards,	5 do
First rate shingles,	1.75 do

Norwich, Feb. 5, 1817.

J. S. FENTON,
In behalf of the Trustees.

Tuesday, April 22, 1817, "Peter B. Garnsey and Polly his wife, in consideration of the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars, current money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid," deeded "to the Trustees of the First Congregational Society of Norwich, and to their successors forever," the land on which the Church was built and which is covered by the eastern third of the present brick Church. (Recorded April 23, 1817, Book W., p. 32.) The frame was raised in July. Notice was sent out, and as was the custom, a large number of men came from all quarters to the "raising-bee," to assist and enjoy the sport which always followed—a wrestling match. (F. Johnson and Dr. Harris.) The next year the work was carried forward, but was not completed until 1819. "The Republican Agriculturalist" (published in the village at the time by Thurlow Weed) printed the following notice, July 8, 1819:

DEDICATION.—The Meeting House of the First Congregational Society of Norwich will be Dedicated the 14th day of July instant. A course appropriate to the occasion, will be delivered by the Rev. Truair, of Sherburne. After the exercises of the day, it is expected that the Pews of the House will be sold.

N. B.—The Singers of the Societies of Sherburne have generously consented to favor us with their attendance."

The "Norwich Journal" prints the same for two weeks—July 1st and

on the day of the Dedication there remained a debt of \$600.00.

Enos and Mr. Fenton had each given five hundred dollars, and—

Mr. Enos' own words—"everybody had given all they could afford,

we among the rest, but we agreed to divide the amount between

and the building was dedicated free of debt." (Mr. Scoville's paper.)

The dedication services were very imposing for the time, and were

the usual hour for morning service. The attendance of people from

the surrounding country was very large. Several ministers were

present and took part; among whom were Rev. John Truair, who

preached the dedicatory sermon; Rev. John Smith, pastor of First

Presbyterian Church at Cooperstown; Rev. Luther Clark, probably a

missionary, who supplied the Church for a while after the dedication;

Edward Andrews, afterwards pastor of the Church; and Rev.

W. B. Hoyt, then stated supply at Greene. What parts these men

took in the exercises is not known.

The Norwich Journal of July 20, 1819, has this "local" by the Ed-

John F. Hubbard, Sen.:

DEDICATION.—On Tuesday, the 14th inst, the Congregational Meeting-House in this village was dedicated to the solemn worship of

God. A sermon suitable to the occasion was delivered by the Rev.

John Truair. The Singers of the Societies of Sherburne attended with

an excellent teacher of Sacred Musick, Mr. Hastings. Owing to

illness, I had not the gratification of hearing their performance,

which it is said equaled the Concerts of New York. The Congrega-

tional Society have now an elegant and commodious House, for the

worship of that God, who 'is the giver of every good and perfect

gift.' The villagers are indebted to the talents of Mr. Joel Atkins,

this ornament to the village, which is a fine specimen of Archi-

tecture. Mr. Atkins designed and superintended the execution of the

work, and is deserving of the highest praise. He has discovered, in

the design and execution of this building, talents, and a knowledge of

architecture which would do honor to the best proficient in the State."

The choir, spoken of in this notice, was a very large one, and occu-

ped the gallery at the south end of the Church. One who was at the

services says that Mr. Hastings, who led the choir, "had very white

hair, and skipped about from one end to the other of his charge with

great agility." He was an "Albino," and later in life, became the no-

Dr. Thomas Hastings, the composer of much of the sacred music

now used in the Christian Churches throughout the world, and the au-

thor of many of our best hymns. He died in New York City, May 15,

1822, aged 87. (Hon. S. S. Randall and Rev. Thos. S. Hastings, D. D.,

writers.)

CHAPTER VIII.

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING, AND INSTALLATION OF FIRST PASTOR.

The Church building was of wood, plain, and stood with the gable end toward the street. It had a substantial stone foundation rising to about six or seven feet above the ground. The back and sides of the building were clapboarded. The front was ceiled, with four pilasters running from the foundation to the cornice. The roof was shingled, and the steeple arose from the ridge over the front. Entrance to the building was had by a wide flight of steps to large double doors in front which opened into a vestibule, and this in turn opened at the right and left into the audience room. On each side of this room—east and west—was a row of pews next the wall, with aisles between them and the two rows of body pews in the centre. (See diagram.) The pews were of the old-fashioned “box” style, with doors, showing little more than the heads of the persons sitting in them. The pulpit was at the north end of the room, between the entrances; and a gallery around the three other sides, seated like the floor below, except that the back row of seats was raised. A room for Sunday School and Prayer Meetings was afterwards made as a basement, the floor being carried about three or four feet below ground. This room occupied about two-thirds of the basement on the south side. The rest was used as a cellar and wood room, a few feet being partitioned off from the west side for an entrance way to the Session Room. Entrance to this was had by a door cut through the foundation wall at the front of the building, near the north-west corner. All the wood work of the building was painted white, except the moulding on the tops of the seats, which was stained to imitate rosewood. At the time it was built it was undoubtedly the finest building anywhere in the vicinity.

The Dedication over, Rev. Luther Clark remained for a while, and supplied the pulpit. How long is not known. (Hon. S. S. Randall and Dr. Harris.)

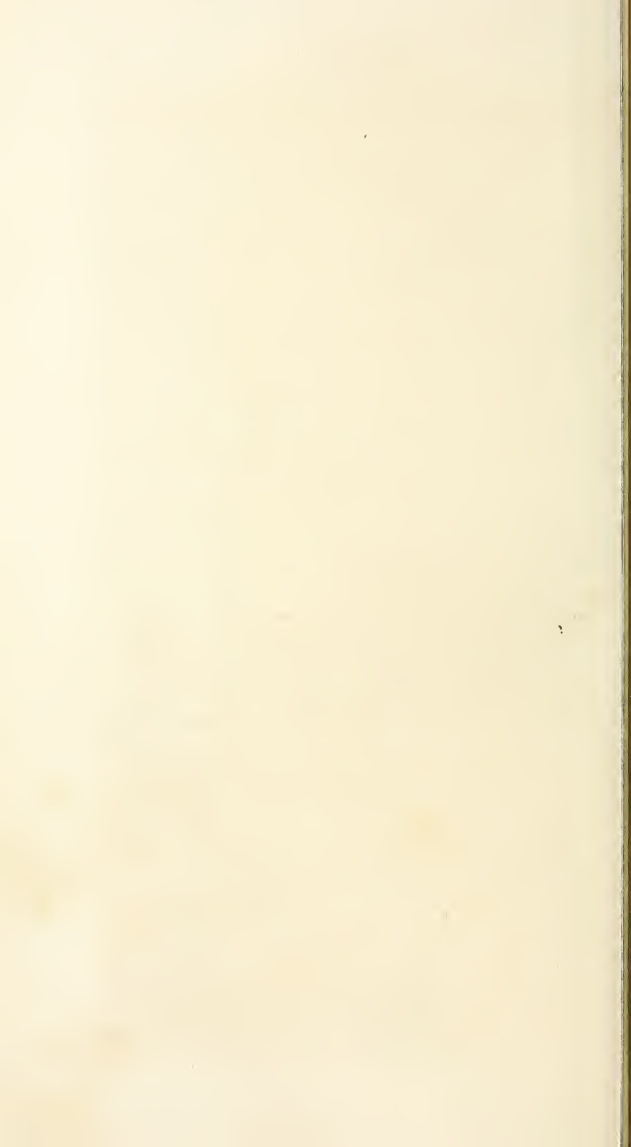
In April or May, 1820, Rev. Edward Andrews came, probably on trial for three months. Wednesday, June 28, he was ordained by joint Committee from Otsego Presbytery and a Constitutional Council from Union Association, and installed over the Church, being the first regularly settled pastor.

Joseph S. Fenton was Commissioner from the Church to extend the call. The Committee were Revs. Joshua Knight, Charles Thorpe and Asa Donaldson; the Council, Isaac Foote, Sen., Benjamin Simons and Ashuel Blake. Rev. Joshua Knight, Moderator; Rev. John Smith, Clerk.

The services were as follows: Introductory Prayer by Rev. Jesse Miner; Sermon, Rev. John Smith; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Henry Chapman; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. J. Knight; Charge to the People



Wood Church. Dedicated July 14, 1819. Burned February 2, 1858.



Rev. John Truair; Concluding Prayer, Rev. John R. St. John; to put Constitutional Questions, Rev. J. Knight. (Records of Otsego Presbytery and Dr. Harris.)

CHAPTER IX.

"ACCOMMODATION PLAN."

In the year 1800 "The Oneida Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches" was formed, and was the first body of the kind on the New England plan in Western New York. At a meeting at Westmoreland, in September, 1808, it was, by vote of its members, divided, and the part including Chenango County was named "Union Association." This body held its first meeting at Madison, Tuesday, June 13, 1809. This Church united with that body, but when is not known. Wednesday, February 20, 1822, this Association was dissolved, and its members soon united with the Presbyteries most convenient to them. This Church joined the Presbytery of Otsego, date unknown.

Monday, May 29, 1826, the Presbytery of Chenango was formed, taking ministers from four adjacent Presbyteries: Revs. Edward Andrews and Asa Donaldson being from Presbytery of Otsego. (F., p. 10, ps. 109-10-12-13.) Its first meeting was at Oxford, Thursday, June 1, 1826, when this Church, through its representative, Jeduthan Hitchcock, applied to be, and was, received to membership on the "Union, Accommodation Plan." (Records Chen. Presbty. Bk. A.) This "Plan of Union" between Presbyterian and Congregational Churches was devised in 1795, by John Blair Smith and Eliphalet Nott, first and second Presidents of Union College. After revision, and undergoing a good deal of discussion, it was adopted by the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Assembly of New York in 1801. On this plan, with more or less modification, all the Congregational Churches in Western New York in time united with Presbyteries. The plan in which this Church joined the Presbytery of Chenango was that the decisions of the Presbytery were binding on the Church, and the Church was entitled to representatives with "all the privileges of ruling elders." The Church was to manage "its own internal concerns," but was required to keep records and submit them annually to the Presbytery "for inspection and revision." In trying cases from the Church, the Presbytery was bound by the rules of the Church. (F., p. 63.)

Wednesday, October 25, 1826, Mr. Andrews requested the Presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relation with this Church, to take effect Thursday, November 30. The request was granted, and Sunday, December 3, Rev. Ambrose Eggleston preached by direction of the Presbytery, and declared the pulpit vacant. The Presbytery also appointed Rev. Asa Donaldson to supply the pulpit during December and January following. About the middle of January, 1827, however, Rev. Peter Lockwood came as a candidate, and began to preach on the usu-

al three months' trial. He remained until about the middle of May received a call from the Church, accepted to be installed by the Presbytery in July, and went to Stamford, Connecticut, for his family and goods.

Before Mr. Andrews left, two factions had sprung up in the Church, one for and the other against him. Mr. Lockwood was recommended by Mr. Andrews, and called, and his salary pledged by the most prominent of the opposing faction; but during Mr. Lockwood's occupation of the pulpit, James Birdsall, a prominent member of the Society, and an ardent adherent of Mr. Andrews, was out of town, and of course knew nothing of Mr. Lockwood. While Mr. Lockwood was east for his family, Mr. Birdsall returned, and began so violent an opposition to him, that the Trustees thought it best for Mr. Lockwood to continue while longer on trial, hoping that Mr. Birdsall would give up his opposition when he came to hear and know him. The letter of the Trustees reached Mr. Lockwood at Utica, and he hastened to Norwich to inquire into the matter, leaving his goods at Utica. Feeling very much aggrieved at Mr. Birdsall's course, he flatly refused to remain longer, and soon left the place. These factions remained in the Church for nearly four years, and prevented the settling of a pastor. They were finally united under Mr. Bogue.

The next to occupy the pulpit was Rev. Lyman S. Rexford, who probably came late in 1827 or early in 1828. He was not installed, and was without doubt only employed as a temporary supply. When his labors ceased is not known. The Church was reported to the Presbytery, September 10, 1828, as vacant, and yet Mr. Rexford was living in the village until some time in 1829.

CHAPTER X.

THE METHODIST AND EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

As early as 1822, Rev. Reuben Reynolds, a Methodist minister, since familiarly and properly called "Father Reynolds," held prayer meetings in his house on West Main Street in Norwich, near where now stands the Congregational Church. At one of the first of these meetings, a member of that Church being present was asked, in true Methodist style, of her hope. She answered in true Presbyterian style, that "I hope that I have a hope"—and that was as much as her cautious training would permit her to affirm.

A while after this Mr. Reynolds moved into the "old Holcom house"—now No. 1 Pleasant Street—which was moved back to make room for the present residence of B. Gage Berry, on the south-west corner of Broad and Pleasant Streets. It had a marble shop connected with it. One Saturday afternoon this shop was cleaned, and the next day service was held there. At this service the first Class Meeting was formed, and Mr. Reynolds appointed leader. During the day

Young man named Daniel Torrey was reclaimed, and afterwards became a successful minister.

On Saturday, January 13, 1827, the "First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Norwich" was incorporated, and seven Trustees selected. These were, George H. King, Caleb Seabury, Miriam Saunders, Abner Reynolds, William D. Burdick, Nathan D. Staunton and Thomas Neverson. Almost immediately an effort was made to build a house of worship, but did not succeed, and none was built until 1835. In that year the "old Church" was erected, and was dedicated 'blackberry time'—August or September—1836. Sermon by Rev. George Peck. Revs. Lyman Beech and Leonard Bowdish, circuit preachers. There was no settled pastor.

In 1830 or '31—the exact date not found—the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Norwich was constituted, and worshiped in the old Court House. It is not remembered who the first Rector was, but Rev. Libby Alonzo Barrows was Rector early in 1832.

On Monday, September 17, of that year, "the male members qualified to vote," met in the Court House—the usual place of Divine Service—the Rector, Chairman. David E. S. Bedford and Squire Smith were elected to act with the Rector as a Committee to certify the proceedings. The Church was then incorporated as "Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church of Norwich." David E. S. Bedford and Smith Purdy were elected Wardens; and Jason Gleason, Thomas Milner, David Griffing, Philander B. Prindle, John Clapp, Henry De Forest, Walter M. Conkey and Squire Smith, Vestrymen.

In 1834 a lot on East Main Street was bought of Jason Gleason, and that year and the next the Church was built by Eli Elsbree and Benjamin Skinner, of Sherburne. On the same ground the old landmark still stands in loneliness and decay. It was dedicated and occupied in 1835, and Saturday, June 4th, 1836, was consecrated by Bishop Benjamin T. Onderdonk.

CHAPTER XI.

THE CHURCH BECOMES PRESBYTERIAN.

Tuesday, September 8, 1829, the Church obtained permission from Chenango Presbytery to extend a call to Rev. Horace P. Bogue, a member of Otsego Presbytery, and pastor of the Church at Butternuts. Luther Hitchcock, as Commissioner from this Church, was sent to a meeting of Otsego Presbytery, Thursday, October 29, called at Butternuts for the purpose, and presented a request for the "translation of Mr. Bogue." The next day, after much discussion, the request was granted and Friday, January 1, 1830, fixed as the time. He came to Norwich toward the last of December, and at a meeting of Chenango Presbytery, Tuesday, February 2, a formal call was presented to him by Amos Enos, Commissioner from the Church, and he was installed

by the Presbytery, Wednesday, February 24, 1830. Rev. Peter Lockwood preached the sermon, the services being held at 11 A. M. (Chen Presbty. Records, Book A, and Otsego Presbty. Records.)

In 1831, the second year of Mr. Bogue's ministry, a quite extensive revival occurred under the preaching of Rev. Augustus Littlejohn who is said to have been a powerful preacher, but not very exemplary in life. He attained a good deal of prominence as a revivalist until deposed from the ministry, and excommunicated from the Church in 1841. As a result of this revival forty-seven were added to the Church.

January 21, 1833, at the trial of George Denison for murder, the crowd was too great for the Court House, so the Court adjourned to the Church, and the trial was held there. The next day, during S. S. Randall's summing up for the defence, a panic occurred, which came near being a very serious matter. Joseph Marsh, splitting wood behind the Church, made it appear that the gallery was breaking down; but quiet was in time restored.

Wednesday, April 17, 1833, the Presbytery granted a request made by Mr. Bogue, and concurred in by the Church, dissolving the pastoral relation, and Mr. Bogue was directed to "preach to the congregation at Norwich, Sunday, April 28, and declare the pulpit vacant." (Records Chen. Presbytery, Bk. A.)

The Church was not long without a leader. Sunday, June 9, 1833, Rev. Seth Williston began laboring as Stated Supply. He was not installed, and would not engage for any specified time. He remained, however, until the fall of 1834, closing his labors Wednesday, September 10. (Letter of Rev. T. Williston.) Probably no service was held in the Church the rest of the year, as quite extensive repairs were made to the building. Where the Church services were held is not known. The repairs were finished in 1835, but probably no formal rededication was made.

Sunday, October 12, 1834, Rev. John Sessions preached his first sermon in the village, probably as a candidate on the usual "trial for three months;" for in a table of statistics which he made in 1842, he dates his ministry from Sunday, January 4, 1835. Wednesday, February 18, 1835, he joined Chenango Presbytery, was formally called, and the same day installed pastor of the Church by that body, Rev. James Abell preaching the sermon. Mr. Sessions was a rigid Presbyterian. At his installation, the Presbytery, by request of the Church, constituted a Session, and the Church became fully Presbyterian. This action resulted in serious trouble, and caused wounds that were never entirely healed. The Church grew, however, during Mr. Sessions' pastorate, which was much longer than any that had preceded it, in spite of the unfavorable state of feeling had by some of the members. The most prominent of these disaffected ones was Truman Enos,

who was a strong Congregationalist. He withdrew from the Church and joined the First Church at Sherburne, and nearly every Sunday drove to that village to attend service. He remained a member there until 1859, when he returned to this Church under Mr. Doane.

Tuesday, April 19, 1842, Mr. Sessions presented a request to the presbytery, in which the Church concurred, through Nelson Chapman, commissioner, "that the pastoral relation be dissolved." The request was granted, and Mr. Sessions was "appointed to preach to the congregation at Norwich, on the first day of May next, and declare the pulpit vacant." (Chen. Presbty. Records, Bk. A., p. 289.)

About September 1, 1842, Aaron R. Livermore, a licentiate of Hampden Association, Mass., began to minister to the Church as Stated Supply. He remained until about April 1, 1843, when he was compelled to leave on account of ill health. (Letter of Mr. Livermore.)

From Sunday, January 14, 1844, to Friday, February 9, 1844, Rev. H. Williston again supplied the pulpit, and the next Sunday, February 11, Rev. William M. Richards began to serve the Church as Stated Supply. He was a Congregationalist, and strongly Anti-Slavery, which made it impossible at that time for the Church to be united on him, and he closed his labors Friday, May 9, 1845.

A call was then extended to Rev. Charles P. Jennings, but the Church, it being "homogeneous in doctrine," he refused to accept it, yet came as Stated Supply in July, 1845, and remained until January 1, 1847, when sickness compelled him to give it up.

CHAPTER XII.

THE MEETING HOUSE BURNED.

About the first of June, 1847, Rev. Daniel Clark, Jr., came into the village as agent of The American Education Society. At a meeting of this Church and Society, Tuesday, June 15, 1847, he was unanimously elected pastor, and the following "call" was "made out" and sent to him:

"The First Congregational Society of Norwich, New York, being sufficiently grounds, well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. Daniel Clark, Jr., and having good hopes from our past experience of your labors, that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly cares and occupations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay to you the sum of six hundred dollars, in regular quarterly payments during the term of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this Church."

Jeduthan Hitchcock, Ezra Hewitt, Abner W. Warner, Hiram Weller and Benjamin Chapman were appointed a Committee to sign the above call, and prosecute the same at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery.

ry, on the first Tuesday in July, 1847, at Norwich. Mr. Clark accepted the call, and was installed Tuesday, July 6th, by Chenango Presbytery, at 2 P. M. Sermon by Rev. A. G. Orton.

Tuesday, August 19, 1851, at a meeting of the Presbytery, Mr. Clark handed up this request: "That the pastoral relation be dissolved for the following reasons: 1st. The want of a comfortable and permanent residence for his family. 2d. The insufficiency of his salary to meet his necessary expenses." Nelson Pellet and Elisha B. Smith Commissioners from the Church, presented the following: "*Resolved* That we unite with our pastor in his request to have the pastoral relation between him and this Society dissolved." The Presbytery granted the request, to take effect Monday, September 1, 1851. In October following, Rev. Samuel W. Bush began his ministrations as State Supply.

In the winter of 1852 the Society, by Col. Ezra Hewitt, Committee bought of Ralph Johnson the house, No. 295 Broad Street, which since April 1, 1852, it has occupied as a parsonage.

In the winter of 1853-'4, there was a revival of very marked interest in the Church, though not very extensive, and many additions were made during the spring and summer as a result.

Mr. Bush closed his labors in May, 1855. Sunday, January 6, 1856 Rev. Hiram Doane began his ministrations, and Tuesday, July 15, he was installed by Chenango Presbytery, at 2 P. M. Sermon by Rev. A. M. McDougal.

Friday, January 30, 1857, the Standing Committee of the Church having resigned, the Church met and passed the following:

"*Resolved*, That this First Congregational Church in Norwich hereafter administer its government and discipline after the Congregational form, as generally understood, believing this to be the course most evidently indicated in the teachings of our Savior on this subject."

Signed by Elijah Chamberlain and twenty-five others, male members of the Church.

Sunday, February 2, 1858, the Sexton, Daniel Peacock, went to the Church, as usual, at 4 A. M.; built the fires and returned home for breakfast. An hour later the Church was discovered to be on fire. Every effort was made to extinguish it, but to no purpose, and at 1 o'clock hardly a stick remained, and nothing it contained had been saved. The bell was melted, and several of the younger members gathered some of the fragments and made them into rings and charms or other ornaments. The following diagram shows the Church as it was just previous to the fire.

No service was held that morning, but in the afternoon Mr. Doane preached in the Baptist Church, by invitation of that Society. The use of the Hall at the Academy was procured, and the next Sunday or the next but one, the regular services of the Church were resumed in it. About the middle of November following, a room owned by

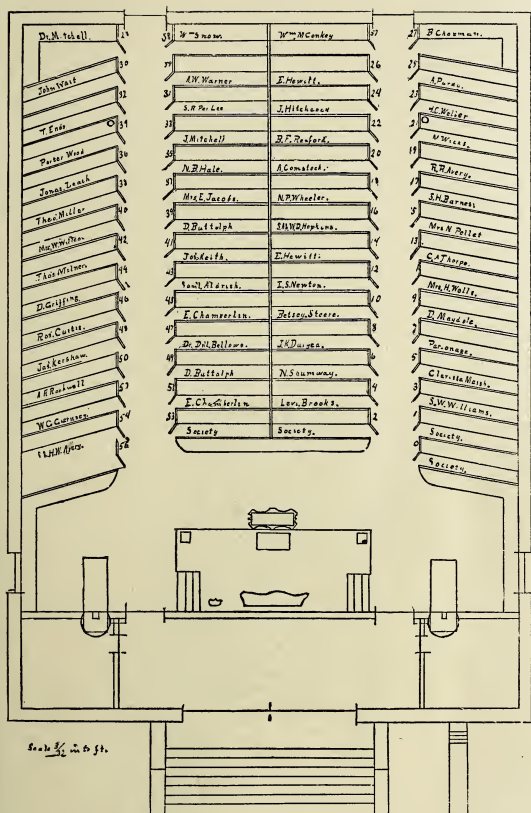
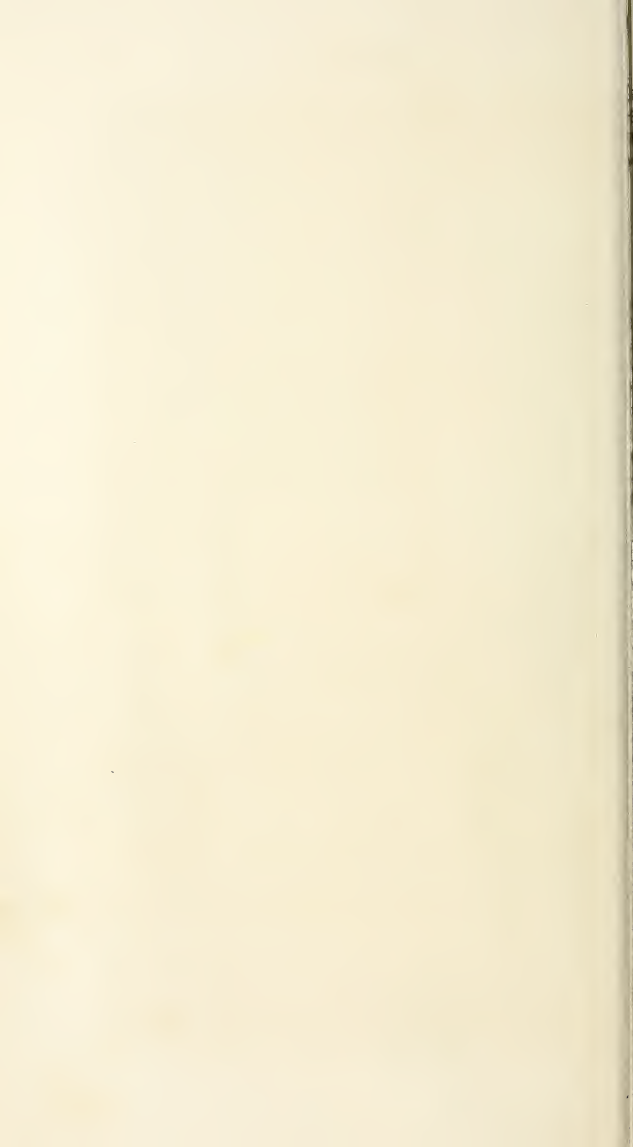


Diagram of Wood Church, with names of Pew Owners, just before it was burned.



Lawson Close, and built by him for a furniture ware-room, at No. 168 Broad Street, was leased and used for all the services of the Church. This room went by the name "Coffin Hall," for several years after ward.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE RETURN TO CONGREGATIONALISM—NEW CHURCH BEGUN.

During the year 1858, the Church began to sever its connection with the Presbytery, and to resume its Congregational form of government. This action caused even more serious consequences than that of 1835. Acts of excommunication were passed against several of the most prominent members; others withdrew, and with them employing Rev. Abram Dyer, long a pastor at Preston, held regular religious services at the Academy Hall, beginning about the middle of July, 1859.

Tuesday, July 12, 1859, the part of the Society by which Mr. Doane was employed, held a meeting and voted to build a new Church. A subscription paper had been drawn, Wednesday, May 5, 1858, and at the time of this meeting the necessary amount had been pledged. Several plans were submitted to the Trustees, and Saturday, September 24, those drawn by Thomas Cheeseman, an English architect of America, were adopted, and he was employed to superintend the work. The Trustees at this time were Col. Ezra Hewitt, Lewis Kingsley, John Hammond, Samuel R. Per Lee, Samuel H. Barnes and Charles Browning.

The heirs of Peter B. Garnsey, Sen., claiming that the old Church occupied more land than was covered by the deed executed in 1817, attempted to prevent the Trustees from occupying any of the disputed land. This action, of course, hindered the work, as the lot would in that case have been too small. There was also some trouble about the subscription, and Tuesday, January 17, 1860, at a Society meeting, a new one was drawn and circulated until March 17, when it was presented to the Trustees, who thereupon engaged Mr. Cheeseman to draw new plans. Another subscription was drawn August 16, and circulated, but for what purpose is not known. Thus the work was delayed nearly two years; and looking back over the events of those days, and the bitterness with which they were filled, it is very easy to see the hand of God in all these delays, to make even the wrath of men to praise Him, and to retain the remainder.

Saturday, June 30, 1860, at a meeting of the Society, Mr. Doane tendered his resignation, to take effect Monday, July 23, providing what was due him of his salary should be paid him by that time. It was not accepted. At a similar meeting, Thursday, August 2, he again presented the same. It was accepted, and he left the place in October.

For the next nine months the Church was not regularly supplied with preaching. Services were held in the Hall before mentioned, and preachers from neighboring Churches occasionally preached.

Sunday, February 3, 1861, Samuel Scoville, a student in Union Theological Seminary at New York City, preached morning and evening on invitation of one of the members, and returned to New York the same week.

Tuesday, February 19, 1861, a series of resolutions was passed entirely severing the connection of the Church with Chenango Presbytery and the Church became fully Congregational and entirely independent.

The business of the new Church building had so far progressed that the Trustees had advertised for proposals, and Tuesday, June 4, 1861, the contract was let to Abner Wood, William H. Sternberg and Henry Alfrey, for \$9,127.50. The Trustees were Samuel T. Clark, Charles P. Browning, Col. Ezra Hewitt, Lewis Kingsley, Isaac S. Newton and William H. Chapman. Charles P. Browning was appointed Overseer, and Benjamin B. Porter, Collector. Work was begun Monday, June 17, 1861.

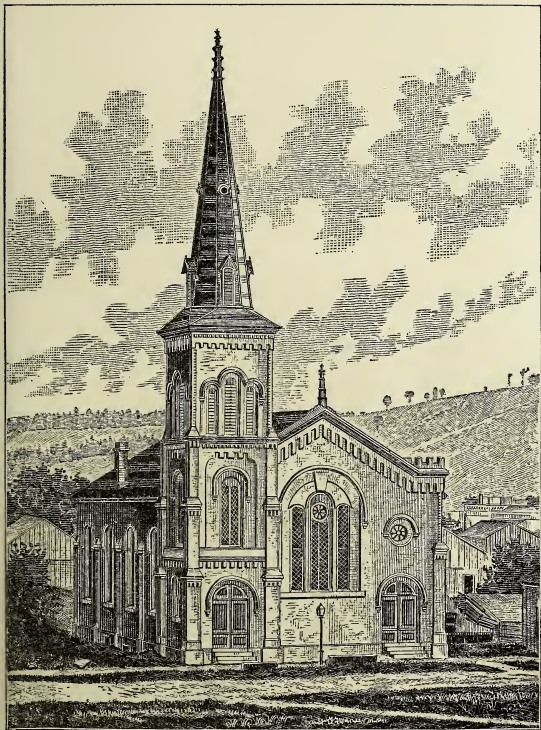
CHAPTER XIV.

CORNER STONE OF FIRST BRICK CHURCH LAID.

Monday, June 10, 1861, the Trustees voted to "hire Rev. Samuel Scoville as the minister of the Society for three months." He accepted, and began his labors Sunday, June 23, preaching in the ware-room Hall.

Saturday, July 20, T. D. Miller was elected Collector of the Church building fund, and Treasurer of the Society. Work on the new Church was being pushed on rapidly, and Saturday, August 3, at 2 P. M., the Corner Stone was laid with the following exercises:

1. Prayer by Rev. Lyman Wright, Pastor of Baptist Church, Norwich.
2. Opening Address by Samuel Scoville, Acting Pastor of this Church.
3. Reading of Scriptures, by Rev. Henry Callahan, Pastor Congregational Church, Oxford.
4. Anthem—"When the Lord shall build up Zion," (Bradbury,) by Norwich Glee Club: John E. Babcock, Albert Cary, Albert C. Latham, Smith E. Slocum.
5. Reading Historical Sketch of Church and Society, by Hon. Lewis Kingsley.
6. Depositing Relics, and Placing the Stone, by the Pastor and Trustees, with Remarks by the Pastor, and Rev. Elory Curtis, Pastor First Congregational Church, Sherburne.
7. Consecratory Prayer by Rev. E. Curtis.
8. Anthem, "And it shall come to pass in the last days," (Bradbury) by Norwich Glee Club.
9. Addresses by Rev. Henry Callahan and others.



Brick Church, Dedicated June 16, 1862.



Singing by the Audience, of the following Hymn, (written for the occasion by Hon. Lewis Kingsley, of Norwich,) and the Doxology; tune, "Old Hundred."

Oh, God of Hosts! Almighty King!
Accept this tribute which we bring;
And bless our labors as we raise
An earthly temple to Thy praise.

And Thou, the Son, exalted high
At God's right hand, wilt Thou be nigh?
Here let Thy saving power be known,
And be our "Precious Corner Stone."

And may the Spirit's quickening love,
Descending on us from above,
Here cause contention all to cease,
And grant to us His "perfect peace."

So shall this temple ever be
God's house—where He will love to be;
While Christ the Son, and Spirit too,
Here each their glorious work shall do.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"

Benediction by Rev. William H. Olin, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, Norwich.

The relics deposited in the Corner Stone were:

List of Officers of the Church, Society, and Sunday School.

List of Ministers and First Members of the Church, and of the Members who were then alive.

Names of Pastors of the Village Churches, and the Presiding Elder.

Names and residences of the Architect and Contractors.

Copies of the latest issues of "The Chenango Telegraph," "The Chenango Union," "The Child At Home," "The Youth's Temperance Advocate," "New York Evangelist," "Independent," "New York Observer," "The Sunday School Times," "New York Tribune," "The World," "New York Times," and "Utica Herald."

Copy of the Subscription for the Church Building.

The Covenant and Articles of Faith.

A Programme of the Day's Exercises.

A French Quarter Crown, dated 1694, presented by George L. Rider.

A Collection of American Silver and Copper Coins, presented by various persons.

After the stone was deposited, the Pastor, Mr. Scoville, said: "Beneath this stone we bury all bitterness, all hatred against brother members, forever. Upon it we testify to the goodness of God, and consecrate our time, our strength and our money, to Him who is our Lord forever;" and many a heart present responded with a silent yet fervent "Amen."

CHAPTER XV.

FIRST BRICK CHURCH DEDICATED.

Wednesday, September 18, 1861, Mr. Scoville was called by the Church and Society to become its pastor. He accepted, and began his engagement without installation, Sunday, November 3, on a salary of eight hundred dollars, and the parsonage. The lease of the warehouse Hall expiring, Concert Hall, over the Piano Building, corner of

East Street and the Park, was rented for one year, and the same day November 3—was first used by the Church. By cold weather the Church was enclosed, and during the winter was plastered and frescoed, and was finished early in June, 1862. Monday, June 16, it was dedicated according to the following programme:

1. Prayer by Rev. E. H. Payson, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Oxford.
2. Singing by the Audience, of the following hymn, written for the occasion by Hon. Lewis Kingsley, of Norwich. Tune: "Old Hundred."

Our hearts are full, oh, God, to-day!
With thankful songs we hither come;
For in Thy love Thou hast again
Bestowed on us a Temple Home.

Long have we been, like Israel's race,
Obliged in desert lands to stray,
Without a temple for Thy praise;
But thou hast brought us on our way.

And now we've reached the promised land,
And dwell secure within its bounds;
Here too have reared these sacred walls,
And throng them now with joyful sounds.

Lord, when Thine ancient people met,
To consecrate their "House of Prayer,"
Thou didst come down in clouds of light,
And all the host saw God was there.

So be with us, oh, God, to-day,
And meet this people face to face,
So take this house now for Thine own,
And let Thy Glory fill the place.

3. Reading of Scripture by Rev. A. N. Benedict, Pastor of Baptist Church, Norwich.
4. Dedicatory Prayer by Rev. Elory Curtis, Pastor of Congregational Church, Sherburne.
5. Singing by Choir, of Hymn 935, Plymouth Collection.
"O, bow Thine ear, Eternal One."
6. Dedicatory Sermon by Pastor, Rev. Samuel Scoville.
7. Prayer by Rev. William H. Olin, Pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church, Norwich.
8. Anthem by Choir—"One thing have I desired of the Lord"—(Brahms.)
9. Benediction by Rev. William S. Adamson, Pastor of Congregational Church, Greene.

A debt of \$3,000 remained on the Church, which was assumed by Benjamin Chapman, and paid by the Church in 1868. The building was of brick, with stone trimmings and slate roof. It was 79 feet long by 46 wide, with a spire at the north-east corner. It was entered by two double doors on the east and west sides of the front, opening into small vestibules. The only room was the audience room, which was 59 feet 7 inches north and south, by 42 feet east and west, and 29 feet high, with no gallery. The wood work was of chestnut oiled. A recess between the vestibules was used for the choir and organ, and a similar one at the south end for the pulpit. There were 80 pews cap

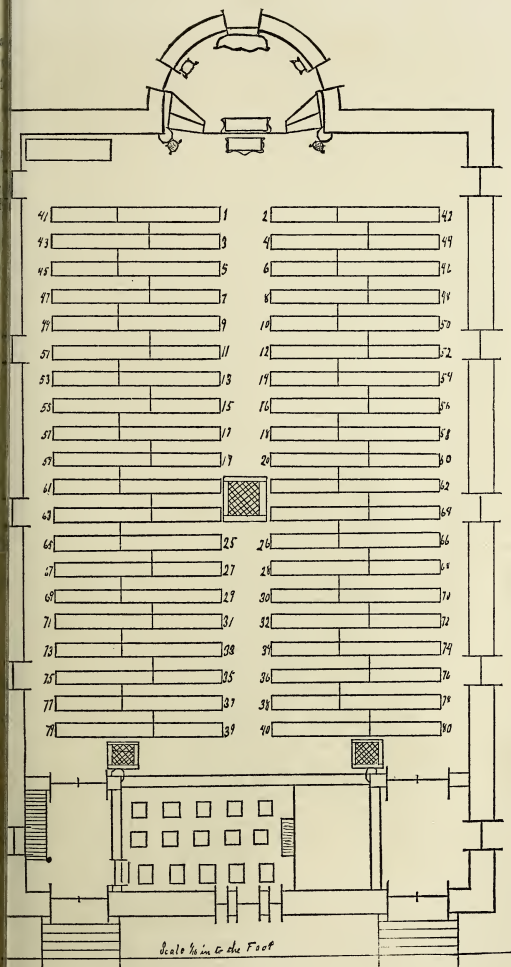
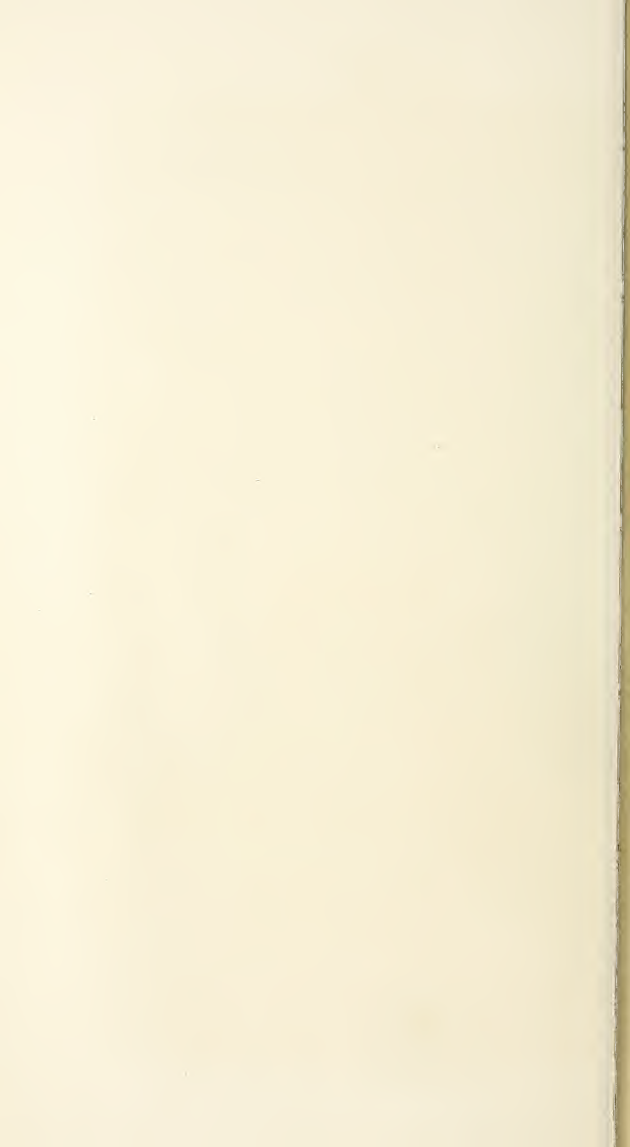


Diagram of Brick Church of 1862.



le of seating 400 persons. A wide aisle ran through the centre of the room, and narrower ones at each side next the wall. A large chandelier with sixteen gas burners hung from the ceiling in the centre. The case containing the Sunday School Library stood in the south-east corner. The organ was built by George N. Andrews, of Utica, N. Y., and contained twelve stops and one octave of pedals.

The pews in the old Church were owned by individuals, the inexperience of which was becoming every year more apparent. In the new Church the pews were owned and appraised by the Society, and rented each year at public auction, the bidding being for a choice from the whole number. From this source came the revenue of the Society. The first rental was Wednesday, June 25, 1862, at 2 P. M., and the occupancy began July 1, following, and that was fixed as the beginning of the fiscal year of the Society.

The Church being finished, Mr. Scoville set about the very delicate task of reconciling and bringing together the two factions. The Spirit of God prepared the way and prevailed, and in a short time harmony was again restored. A resolution rescinding the vote of suspension, in the case of those then living in the village, was passed without dissent, Saturday, July 4, 1863, and in the case of all the others then alive, Thursday evening, May 9, 1867.

CHAPTER XVI.

CHURCH ENLARGED AND RE-DEDICATED.

The Week of Prayer, which began Sunday, January 1, 1865, was followed by an extensive revival. The meetings were continued until April, and as a result fifty-four were added by profession to the Church, the Pastor doing all the pulpit labor.

About this time the small brick building, standing west of the Church, and formerly the County Clerk's office, and later used as the fire engine house, was rented, and used for prayer meetings and infant class of the Sunday School, for most of the time until about 1867; after this time the audience room of the Church was used for all the meetings and services of the Church.

In the spring of 1871, the organ was moved to the south-west corner of the audience room, and Albert Cary was hired as Precentor. The choir was given up, and congregational singing adopted. This plan was continued until April 1, 1873.

In 1871 it began to be felt that the building was too small. The membership had increased, and the audiences at the Sabbath services were much larger, so that many families were unable to obtain sittings. Various plans for enlargement were proposed, but none seemed acceptable, until in 1873, William M. Woollett, an architect at Albany, by request of the Trustees, drew a plan that seemed to contain the least

of objectionable features, and it was accepted, and Mr. Woollett employed. The Guernsey property had been sold in settlement of the estate, and all that portion on the west between the Church and the "Goose-pond lot" was bought for the Trustees, by Warren Newton, for \$5,000. During the winter and spring following materials were bought, and Isaac S. Newton was appointed Building Committee. The Trustees were John Hammond, Samuel I. Foote, Warren Newton, David Maydole, John Mitchell and T. D. Miller.

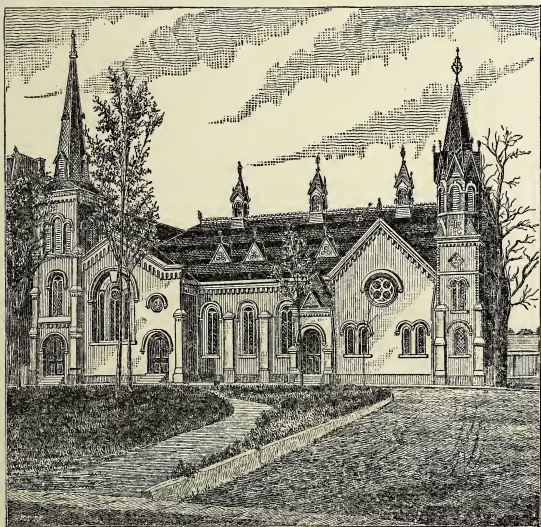
Following the Week of Prayer, January, 1872, the signs of a revival began to appear. Rev. Mr. Potter, the Evangelist, was employed, and a series of union meetings was held, which were very powerful. Every service was crowded to overflowing. Places of business were closed during the hours of service, and the Spirit of God seemed to pervade the whole community. Forty-nine were added to the Church.

About the first of January, 1873, an orchestra was organized by request of the Pastor, to assist in the music at Sabbath evening services. It consisted of the following: J. H. Gould, Organ; H. De Long, Violin; E. A. Steele, Cornet; A. E. Race, Baritone; C. R. Johnson, Flute; and not long after, Wm. E. Gilman, Clarinet, was added. The organization was named "The Congregational Orchestra," and played at Church service for the first time Sunday evening, January 12, 1873. It continued to play at Sabbath evening service—each person, except the organist, without compensation—until about the first of April, 1874, when the sickness of one of its members, and the absence of another, caused it to be dropped for the time, and it was not resumed.

Saturday, March 29, 1873, the Trustees advertised for proposals for building the enlargement of the Church, and on Monday, June 3, 1873, ground was broken for the cellar, Mr. Scoville shoveling the first wagon-load of dirt. Late in the fall the walls were finished, but it was well into December before the roof was on and the building enclosed. A few of the courses of brick inside at the top were very badly damaged by frost and wet, but it did not seriously injure the building. Nothing more was done during the winter, and very little until nearly the first of June, 1874, because the payment of subscriptions had been delayed, through disagreement and misunderstanding. After that time, however, work was resumed vigorously.

This addition was nearly twice the size of the Church, and was joined to it on the west. The Church was not broken into, however, and services were held in it until the fall; the last being on Sunday evening, September 27, 1874. The prayer meeting on the Thursday evening following was held in the west division of the new part. The room was not finished, was cold, and rubbish of various kinds covered the floor, yet the Spirit of God was there, and a young lady requested prayer for her own conversion.

The next two days the room was cleaned, the seats from the Church were moved into it, and Sunday, October 4, the regular Sabbath servi-



Brick Church, as enlarged, 1874.



es were begun there. This room was used for all the services and meetings of the Church while the rest of the building was being completed. The work was pushed ahead with such vigor that on Monday, December 21, the Pastor issued to the members and citizens the following notice:

DEAR BRETHREN:

By God's favor, our new Church accommodations will be ready for us at the close of this week. An event so long looked for, for which many have prayed and labored, and which is to be of so great benefit to us as a Church and Society, and to this community, should be marked with appropriate exercises. We have therefore decided that the Dedication Services shall commence on Sunday next. We invite you all to take part in their enjoyment and profit.

SAMUEL SCOVILLE, Pastor.

At once every part of the building was as busy as a beehive. On that day everything was in readiness, and the dedication services were begun, and carried on from day to day, as follows:

Sabbath, December 27, 1874.

- 10:45 A. M.—Renewed Consecration of Ourselves unto God. Text: 1 Chron., 29:5. "Who then is willing to Consecrate his Services this day unto the Lord."
7:00 P. M.—Sermon upon the Power of Prayer, by Rev. C. C. Johnson, of Smyrna.

Monday, December 28.

Dedication of the Pastor's Room for the use of the Young Men's Congregational Club.

- 8:00 P. M.—Room presented by William S. Hewitt, in behalf of the Trustees, to the Pastor, for Dedication.
Response by the Pastor.
Hymn.
Responsive Reading—Psa. 119:1-24.
Prayer.
Hymn.
History of Y. M. C. C., by Robert D. Eaton.
Address by Daniel A. Rexford.
Hymn.
Refreshments, (Guests invited by Card.)

Tuesday, December 29.

Conference of Churches belonging to Oneida and Chenango Association invited.

- 2:00 P. M.—Prayer and Conference Meeting, in charge of Rev. R. Cross, of Hamilton.
Sermon by Rev. O. Miner, of Syracuse.
7:00 P. M.—Dedication of Conference and Sabbath School Room.
Room presented by S. I. Foote, to Rev. G. Porter, of Greene, for Dedication.
Remarks and Prayer.
Hymn by Sabbath School.
Repeat Psa. 24.
Hymn by Infant Department.
Names of Classes, Mottoes and History given.
Hymn.
History of Sabbath School, by Mrs. E. Hewitt.
Our Prayer Meeting Rooms, by John Hammond.

Wednesday, December 31.

- 9:15 A. M.—Conference Meeting, under charge of Rev. G. Hardy, of Madison.
 Sermon by Rev. J. Dean, of Westmoreland.
- 7:30 P. M.—Dedication of Church Parlors.
 Guests Welcomed.
 Room presented by N. P. Wheeler, to Rev. E. Taylor, D. D., of Binghamton, for Dedication.
 Prayer.
 Relation of ours to other Denominations. Address by Rev. A. F. Beard, of Syracuse.
 Addresses by Pastors of the Village Churches, and others.
 Evening Exercises interspersed with Music, by Young People's Association.

Thursday, December 31.

- 7:30 P. M.—Dedication Sermon, by Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D. D., of Syracuse.
 Room presented by I. S. Newton, to Rev. Dr. Holbrook for Dedication.
 Statistics of Church read by the Clerk, William D. Porter.
 Prayer by Rev. Edson Rogers, of Cincinnati.
- 10:00 P. M.—Watch Night Services.
 Sermon by Rev. J. G. Eckman, Presiding Elder, Norwich.

Friday, January 1, 1875.

- 7:30 P. M.—Supper in Lecture Room, provided by the Women's Working Association. Renting of Pews for the ensuing year.

Saturday, January 2.

- 2:00 P. M.—Preparatory Lecture by the Pastor.
 Examination of Candidates for Admission to the Church.

Sabbath, January 3.

- 10:45 A. M.—Preaching by Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D. D.
 Communion of the Lord's Supper.
- 7:00 P. M.—Praise Meeting.

Saturday, at Preparatory Lecture, William D. Porter and Samuel L. Foote were elected Deacons, and at Communion next day were ordained.

The whole building is 124 feet 6 inches by 74 feet. The Audience Room is 84 feet by 59 feet 7 inches, and about 30 feet high. Connected with it on the west by sliding doors, is the Lecture Room, which is 44 feet 3 inches by 36 feet 2 inches. South of this Lecture Room is the Primary Sunday School Room, the partition between them being composed almost entirely of doors and sliding windows, so that the two can be used together. Over these are the Young Men's Room, 22 feet 9 inches by 14 feet 4 inches; the Parlor, 44 feet 8 inches by 35 feet 10 inches—both having a cloak room attached; and the kitchen, 15 feet by 15 feet, with cook stove, sink, pump, etc.

Dear Friend:—

Sunday, March 7th, 1909, will be our Decision Sunday. We know you will do all you can, meanwhile, to help each member of your class, who is not a member of the church, to a decision for Jesus Christ. We plan to use the enclosed card, asking everyone to sign in one of the spaces provided.

Faithfully yours,

WALLACE A. COREY,
EDWARD P. DREW.

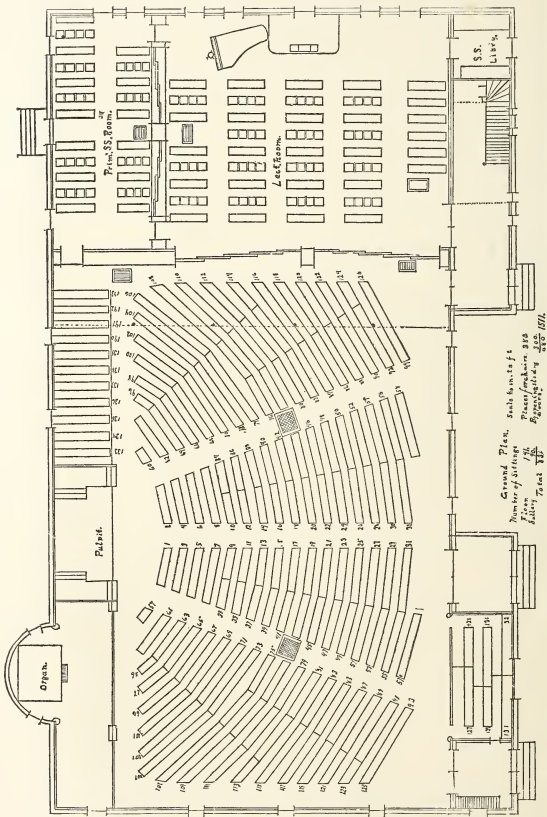
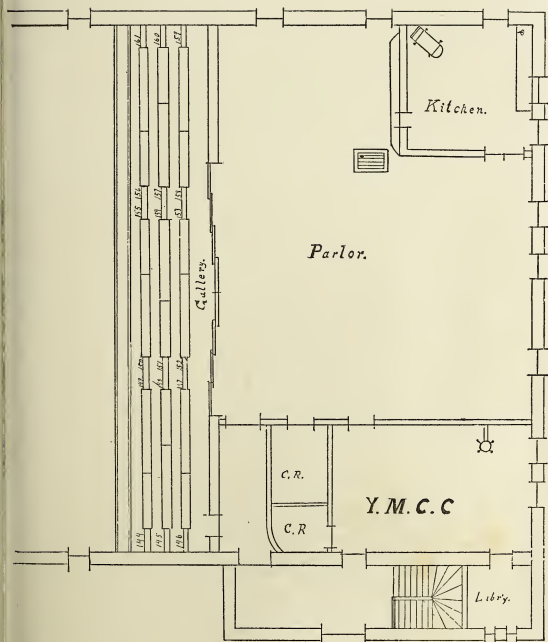


Diagram of Enlarged Brick Church---First Floor.



Enlarged Brick Church. Diagram of Second Floor.



CHAPTER XVII.

DEBT RAISED—CONCLUSION.

Special meetings were begun January 4, 1875, and held for about three months, during which time fifty joined the Church by profession and nine by letter, the pastor doing all of the pulpit labor.

The whole Church had been built at a cost of about \$50,000, about \$35,000 of which had been paid, leaving a debt of about \$15,000. The exact amounts not now known.

On Sunday morning, June 6, 1875, the pastor, Mr. Scoville, preached his fourteenth Anniversary Sermon, after which he called for subscriptions and pledges from those present, for the purpose of paying the debt. A subscription was drawn, payable in four yearly payments, and at the close of the service \$9,600 had been pledged. Before July 1, the whole debt was provided for.

October 19, 20 and 21, the Annual Meeting of the State General Congregational Association was held in the Church. The meeting was a large one, and many of the most noted men in the country were present and made addresses. Great benefit to the Church and community resulted from it. In a report of this meeting the writer says: "For two days the Church was filled morning, noon and night, to its fullest measure, people coming in from all the region round about. Fervent prayers and joyful songs broke out at intervals between speeches, sermons, essays, reports and debates. The meeting at Norwich will be remembered for a life time, as a charming exemplification of the best aspects of Christian fellowship. The reason of this was, the preparation was thorough; the reception was Christian; the attendance was large; God was there." (H. W. Beecher in "Christian Union.")

Sunday, December 12, Miss Sarah F. Smiley began a series of Bible readings and union meetings, which were very profitable. The union meetings were continued during the winter and spring following (1876), led by the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Pastors. Thursday, May 4, Rev. A. B. Earle came and remained until May 16. As in 1872, the whole village was moved, and scores were converted to God. Fifty-three were added to this Church by profession, and twelve by letter.

In March, Mr. Albert Cary declined a further engagement as Choirster, and Mrs. Nettie C. Mitchell, who had been Organist for several years, accepted the position, and gathered a choir from among the young people of the Church and Society, as follows: Soprano, Misses Ella E. Harwood, Maria E. Smith, Harriet B. Scoville, Agnes McCaw, Katharine M. Nagel, Sophia M. Martz, Mary Roe. Sarah Roe, Mary Wetmore, Jennie Harris, Mary Dunlap, Helen E. Grant, Mary I. Porter, Katharine N. Breed, Hannah Carr. Alto, Miss Hattie Benjamin. Tenor, Charles B. Chapman, L. Randall Gibson, William S. Kellogg. Base, Ed. L. Nash, Charles B. Chapman, Thomas B. Lewis, Robert D. Eaton,

Theodore C. L. Moeller, Pitt L. Page. Through the untiring and faithful labors of Mrs. Mitchell, the choir has made steady progress, and it still does its part in the Sabbath worship. Many of the original members have left town, and two have died; but others have taken the vacant places; and to-day the Church can boast of a choir that is very efficient, entirely harmonious, with unwavering confidence in its leader, and true to the Church it serves. With very few exceptions its members are also members of the Church.

Sunday, June 23, 1878, being the seventeenth anniversary of Mr. Scoville's engagement, and occurring on the same day of the week on which the engagement began, quite elaborate preparations were made to celebrate it; but owing to the death of W. S. Hewitt, one of the Trustees, only the morning service was devoted to it. The pulpit was profusely decorated with flowers, the choir sang appropriate music and the Pastor recognized the day in his sermon.

Thus, through sixty-five years of prosperity and adversity, has this Church been led like David of old, by Him in whom the foundations were laid; and to-day, more than at any time in its history, is His hand a blessing and guidance shown. With full hearts we join our voices with that great congregation who have found Him within its walls and sing

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

EARLY AND COTEMPORARY CHURCHES

IN CHENANGO COUNTY.

The Churches of Oquago, 1st Sherburne, Lisle, Jericho, and Oxford, all formed before 1800, have already been noted. From that time to the organization of the Church at Norwich, the following came into existence, and flourished with more or less vigor:

In 1802, a Congregational Church was organized at South Bainbridge, by Rev. Daniel Buck, with members taken from the Church in the north part of the town. (H., ps. 68 and 298.)

The same year, a little later, the 2d Congregational Church of Sherburne was formed on "Sherburne West Hill," by a secession from the first Church. (H., ps. 72 and 289.)

In 1807, the "First Congregational Church at Coventry" was formed, with fourteen members, by Rev. David Harrower. (H., ps. 68 and 290.)

At some time before 1814, date not known, the Congregational Church at Plymouth was organized. (H., p. 292.)

July 28, 1814, the Congregational Church at McDonough was organized, with fourteen members, by Rev. John Truair. (H., p. 294.)

October 25, 1814, the First Congregational Church at Pharsalia was organized, with ten members, by Rev. Oliver Hitchcock, of Truxton, and Rev. Abner Benedict, of Paris. The latter was brother of Rev. Joel T. Benedict. (H., p. 291.)

About this time, date unknown, the Congregational Church at Guilford was organized. (H., p. 297.)

EARLY ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

As early as 1801 an ecclesiastical body was convened for the accommodation of Congregational Churches in Chenango County, and vicinity nearly all the Churches then in the County being of that denomination. The first meeting was held at Jericho—now Bainbridge—in the house of Rev. Joel Chapin. It was composed of Mr. Chapin; Rev. David Harrower, of Walton; Rev. Seth Williston, of Lisle; Rev. Hugh Wallis, of Solon; and ten delegates from Churches.

The next meeting was held at Franklin, Delaware County, in February, 1802, but no regular Association was formed. A meeting was however appointed for the next October, at Oquago—now Colesville. Late in this year, or at some time in the next—some say October, 1803 by the Council, at the installation of Mr. Williston, at Lisle—was organized “The Susquehanna Association, taking in some of the Northern Counties of Pennsylvania.” This became extinct in 1809 or 1810. (H., ps. 70-’1-’2.)

The “Union Association” was formed in 1808, from it, and part of “Oneida Association,” and included the Counties of Broome, Otsego, Chenango and part of Madison. (F., p. 11.) February 20, 1822, “Union Association” was dissolved by its own vote. (H., p. 112.)

Monday, May 29, 1826, the General Assembly of the State of New York, on petition, formed the Presbytery of Chenango. It included Chenango, Delaware and part of Broome Counties. The first meeting was held at Oxford, Thursday, June 29, 1826. All the ministers and Churches that had belonged to Union Association in this section soon joined this body, on the “Accommodation Plan.” (H., p. 112.)

BIOGRAPHY OF MINISTERS.

[The first seven of these biographical sketches are of ministers who preached in Norwich before the organization of this Church. So far as is known they were the only ones. Then follows a sketch of every minister who has acted as Stated Supply or Pastor to this Church, from the organization to the present time—twenty in all.]

REV. MANASSEH FRENCH.

Mr. French came into the village of Norwich in 1793 or '94, and lived with his brother, who settled on the Joseph Brown farm, about a mile and a quarter south of the Court House. He was the first minister that held religious services in the village, and was a practical, unaffected man. He probably remained three or four years. It is not known what denomination he belonged to, nor how he was supported. It is possible that he was a missionary, but his name does not seem to be in the catalogue of any Missionary Society. (Clark's Hist., Dr. Harris, and Uncle John Pellet.)

REV. ELISHA RANSOME.

"Elder Ransome" was the second minister who held religious services in the village, but the date at which he came is unknown. He probably remained only a short time. He was a Baptist, and a very goodly man. In 1812 he was Chaplain of Militia for this section. Mrs. Elijah Lewis remembers him as he rode his horse at "General Training" that year. At the organization of this Church he conducted the examination of candidates. He was then a Pastor at Plymouth. (Dr. Harris, Mrs Lewis, and old Manual.)

REV. JOHN CAMP.

Mr. Camp graduated from Yale College in 1777, and in 1778 was licensed to preach by New Haven East Association, Conn. He became pastor at New Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y.—date unknown—and

remained there until near the close of the last century. While there he became intemperate, but so far controlled the habit that when he left the Church he was dismissed as a minister in good standing. He probably came to Oxford very soon after this, but whether he lived there or only came at stated times to preach, is not now known; but there is no doubt that he preached in that place and in Norwich alternately for seven or eight years. In 1799 he organized the Congregational Church at Oxford. When Rev. Seth Williston was installed over the Church at Lisle, in May, 1801, "a number who had called themselves members of the Religious Society," who had imbibed the infidel sentiments of the time, were opposed to him, and after a while, withdrawing from the Church, employed Mr. Camp to be their minister. He located in 1802 at Chenango Point—now Binghamton—and, it is supposed, preached in all this section of country, wherever he could find employment. Not far from this time he, for a while, preached to the body of Christians which in 1807 were organized into the First Congregational Church of Coventry, by Rev. David Harrower. His intemperate habits increased, "and in a short time he became a notorious drunkard." Being so far away from the Northern Associate Presbytery to which he belonged, it was some time before his character was investigated; but it was finally done in 1806, and "he was deposed from the ministry and excommunicated from the Church of Christ," the evidence against him being very strong. It was after that that he was employed at Lisle. He is described as being a ready speaker, "and popular in his manner of preaching; but the pious of his flock were not fed;" "that nothing calculated to alarm the sinner was said, and at funerals "the most fulsome flattery was employed in depicting the character of the deceased." About the time of his death, which occurred in 1821, he sincerely repented of his sin, and through the efforts of Rev. Benjamin Niles, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Binghamton, he was restored to the Church; but before the fact could be made known to him he was dead. (H., ps. 74 to 76, and 295, and Records of Oxford Church.)

REV. JONATHAN HASCALL.

Mr. Hascall was examined and received as a minister by Otsego Association, (Baptist,) at Salisbury, Herkimer County, N. Y., September 5, 1805. He undoubtedly held religious services in this village—Norwich—as early as 1811, and perhaps before, for on Sunday evening December 8, 1811, after the evening service, as it would seem, he married James W. Gazley to Patty—Martha—Randall, sister of the late Dea Charles Randall. (Old newspaper.) He was then living in Oneida County. In the fall of 1812 he was employed to preach in Norwich for a year, and in December, Truman Enos, Joseph Slater and Job Stafford went

with their wagons "and moved him down" from Oneida County, and lived in the "old Buttolph house," just north of the toll gate on the Norwich and Otselic Plank Road. He was living in this village when the Church was organized, and was very much opposed to it, saying many very hard things against it. (Baptist Hist., old Manual, and Dr. Harris.)

REV. DAVID HARROWER.

Mr. Harrower was born of Scotch or Scotch-Irish parents, and was educated a Calvinist. He was one of the forty persons who were formed into the Congregational Church at Walton, October 12, 1793. He was ordained by Northern Associated Presbytery, probably in October, 1795. While studying for the ministry the Walton Church supported his family, and in October, 1795, it employed him as its Pastor, though he was not installed. He remained until June, 1806, giving the Church of his time. The rest was given to Delhi, Colchester, and other towns adjacent. During the year 1800, and perhaps longer, he labored of his time in Franklin. In 1807 he organized the First Congregational Church at Coventry. He was then a missionary, but his home was in Walton. June 23, 1808, he was one of a Council at Oxford which ordained Rev. Eli Hyde, and installed him over the Oxford Church. In 1810-'11 he labored with Rev. Joel T. Benedict, in revisions in Windsor and other places. In 1812-'13 he was a missionary in the section, in the employ of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, and preached and labored several times in Norwich. In 1814 he engaged three-fourths of his time to the Holland Patent First Presbyterian Church for three years, and spent the remainder of his time in Steuben; the rest of his seven years pastorate there he gave to Holland Patent one-half his time, and the other half to Trenton and Steuben. The last twenty years of his life were spent with a son in Steuben County, N. Y., or in Tioga County, Pa., at which place he died December 20, 1853, aged nearly eighty-eight, and was the last of the forty original members of the Walton Church, of which he had been a member nearly fifty-five years. He was a zealous missionary, and his labors extended over the whole of Southern New York. He did a great deal in preparing the ground for the planting of this Church. (Manual of Walton Ch., Oxford Ch. Records. H., ps. 68 to 71, 124 and 304. F., ps. 170, 177, 579, 408-'9.)

REV. GEORGE COLTON.

Mr. Colton was son of the first Pastor of the Church in West Hartford, Conn., and settled in Bolton, Conn., from which place he went a missionary in the employ of the Missionary Society of Connecticut.

While a missionary he labored for a time in this village—Norwich—and was here when Mr. Benedict organized this Church, June 14, 1814. Nothing further is known regarding his labors here. After his missionary labors closed he returned to his home at Bolton, and there died, bequeathing all his property to the Missionary Society of Connecticut. (Letter of Rev. M. N. Moore.)

REV. JOEL TYLER BENEDICT.

Mr. Benedict was born in Middletown, Conn., September 6, 1772, and was the son of a Presbyterian clergyman. He studied law, and was, in 1794, admitted to the bar in Fairfield County. January 1, 1796, he married Concurrence Wheeler, of Southbury, Conn. Early in 1801 he was converted, and April 19 of that year, with his wife, joined the Church in Branford, Conn. Soon after this he left the law, having practiced about six years, and studied for the ministry with his father, who was then preaching in New Jersey. He did not go to college.

His first sermon was preached January 15, 1802, and the first Church to which he ministered was at Blooming Grove, Orange County, N. Y., where he was ordained as an Evangelist, November 16, 1803. September 12, 1802, he was dismissed, with a general letter, from the Branford Church, and April 1, 1803, his wife was dismissed from the same Church to the Church at Bethlehem, Orange County, N. Y., to which Mr. Benedict was then Pastor, and where he remained until 1807, when he was called to Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y.

June 23, 1808, he was one of the Council at Oxford, which ordained Rev. Eli Hyde and installed him over the Oxford Church. From 1810 to 1814 he was often employed for a few weeks at a time by the Missionary Society of Connecticut, to labor in the destitute parts of Central New York. January 13, 1813, Rev. David Harrower and he were appointed by that Society to labor for sixteen weeks in the Counties of Otsego, Delaware and Chenango. Early in 1814, he closed his pastorate at Franklin, and again took a commission from the Missionary Society. In company with Mr. Harrower, he came to this village, Wednesday, April 6, 1814, and in the evening preached "to a large and solemn Assembly." Tuesday, June 14, he came here for the purpose of organizing this Church, and did so Sunday, June 19.

In 1815 he took the pastorate of the Church at New Concord—now Chatham, Columbia County, N. Y. Not long after he had several hemorrhages from the lungs, which soon forced him to give up the ministry, and he was employed by the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Tract Society in their rooms in Philadelphia, at which place he died by bursting a blood vessel, Monday, October 21, 1833, aged 61. He was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Eager, in his history of Orange County, says that he "was a man of ardent piety, untiring zeal and eloquence, which continually drew crowds to listen to his preaching." The Benedict Genealogy says of him: "The same result followed his preaching in the sparse settlements of Northern New York and Northern Pennsylvania as elsewhere. The inhabitants flocked to hear him, and were deeply affected. He was most constantly in the midst of religious revivals from the time he entered the ministry until his health failed. There was nothing ornate or rhetorical in his language or manner. He was simple, earnest, clear and persuasive. His sincerity, sympathy and feeling were irresistible. It was said of his preaching, 'The word melted hearts like wax before fire.' In all the ministrations of his sacred office his manner was equally solemn and impressive. In social life and in his family he was cheerful and humorous, and abounded in anecdote and repartee." In 1816 he was a Trustee of the Berkshire Missionary Society of Connecticut. In 1817 the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Williams College. His sister married Rev. Isaac Headley, Pastor at Walton from 1813 to 1829, and an uncle of J. T. Headly, author and historian. Father of E. C. Benedict; Oxford and Walton Ch. Records; Dea. John Head, of Walton; Walton Miss. Soc. Records; and H., p. 69.)

REV. BENJAMIN BELL.

Mr. Bell was an early member of the Presbytery of Geneva, and in 1787-8-9 was preaching at East Palmyra, Wayne County, N. Y. In 1809 organized a Church in La Fayette, Onondaga County, N. Y. In 1810 and '11 was Stated Supply to the Church at Elbridge, same County. As early as 1807, supplied the Church at Skaneateles, N. Y. Graduated from Yale College in 1779, and was licensed to preach by Litchfield South Association, Conn. Died in 1836.

REV. ASA MESSER.

He was born at Claremont, Sullivan County, N. H., in the year 1794, and was the son of Moses Messer, a carpenter. He was converted and joined the Church at Orwell, Addison County, Vt., in 1810. In 1816, probably, he graduated from Middlebury College, in the same County, and studied theology with Rev. Josiah Hopkins, at New Haven—also Addison County—and was licensed by Addison Association—date unknown. In March, 1817, he married Martha Woodford, and soon after came to this village—Norwich—and supplied this Church for about three months. Mr. Enos used to say he was here about nine months, but Mr. Messer's diary gives the time as stated above, though without dates. He probably came in May or June, and left in September or October, for in the latter month he was invited to Pittsford,

Rutland County, Vt., and was ordained and installed over the Church there in 1818. He remained at Pittsford four years. In October, 1822, he went to Essex County, N. Y., and for four years supplied the Churches of Essex and Willsborough. He then spent about a year as a missionary, having been commissioned by Champlain Presbytery to labor in the western frontier of Essex County, and spent the time in the towns of Westport, Lewis and Keene.

His health had been poor for some time. This decided him to give up preaching, and in 1827 he removed to Saratoga, N. Y., and took charge of a school. In 1829 he acted as Stated Supply for one year over a Church in Montezuma, N. Y., as a missionary from American Home Mission Society. In 1833 he supplied a Church in Pultney, N. Y., a short time. He also taught school in Newark, N. J., and Auburn, N. Y., and finally removed to Geneva, N. Y., where he had a bookstore for thirteen years, and where he died October 22, 1876, aged 83 years. (H., ps. 337 and 462. Letters of John S. King and Mrs. Adams.)

REV. WILLIAM MURPHY ADAMS.

Mr. Adams was born at Norwich, Ct., December 28, 1788. He graduated at Union College, July, 1816, but had not been a regular student there having—probably in July, 1814—entered the class of 1815, as a protegee of Dr. Nott, as is supposed. Upon the recommendation of the Faculty, the Board conferred the title of A. B. upon him in July, 1816. His scholarship was of so high an order that he was immediately engaged as a tutor in the College, and retained that position about two years. He undoubtedly studied theology during this time with Dr. Nott.

In the summer of 1817—as is supposed—he was licensed to preach by Union Association, and late in October or early in November was hired by this Church, and the Church at Oxford, and for six months he alternated between the two villages. He came into this section as a missionary, probably in the employ of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, and as such preached in Norwich his first sermon after his licensure. He was the first regularly hired minister this Church had. Thursday, November 13, 1817, he preached Thanksgiving sermon in the Court House in this village; and in March 1818, two sermons of his were printed, and sold in this vicinity. Where he left here is not known.

March 11, 1819, he married Sarah Cooley Farnsworth, and April was ordained and installed over the Presbyterian Church at Ludlowville, N. Y., by Cayuga—now Ithaca—Presbytery. He remained there until June 19, 1827, when he went to Milan, Erie County, Ohio; was taken sick and went to Painesville, Lake County, Ohio, where he stayed seven years, leaving about 1833. He then went to Hammon-

port, N. Y.; then to Athens, Pa.; then to Horseheads, N. Y.; in all about four years. At the latter place some of his flock got the "western fever," and in 1837 urged him to go with them to Pecatonica—now Rockton, Ill., then a mere Indian trading post. Up to this time he had saved nothing. The colonists promised him a farm, and with the prospect of having something to leave to his children, he went, and organized a Church there. He also organized a Church at Beloit, Rock County, Wis., which is only a few miles from Rockton. Not long after, he very much offended some of his little flock by preaching against their daily habit of grog drinking, and they refused him any support. They also declined to fulfill their promise about the farm, and he was forced in 1840 to start out in search of employment. While wandering about, he contracted a fever, which came near being fatal. In 1841 he was hired by a Church at Mineral Point, Iowa County, in the then territory of Wisconsin; his family, however, remained in Rockton. After about a year of faithful work with that Church, on March 8, 1842, he was prostrated by sickness, and died March 12, aged 53 years, 2 months and 14 days. He is described as "more than usual among his profession a scholarly man." He was very earnest, and at all times was eagerly reaching out after new views of truth in all directions. As a preacher he must have been very effective and convincing, for his nine years at Ludlowville was an almost continuous revival; and there, as well as at Mineral Point, he was very dearly beloved by his people. H., ps. 296 and 403. F., p. 418. Letters of Dr. E. F. Hatfield and Rev. Wm. W. Adams.)

REV. NORRIS BULL, D. D.

Mr. Bull was born at Harwinton, Litchfield County, Conn., October 4, 1790, and graduated at Yale in 1813. From 1813 to 1816 he taught at Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, N. Y., and then entered Princeton Seminary, from which he graduated in 1818. The same year he was licensed by the Presbytery of Columbia, at Catskill, N. Y., and went as a missionary to Western New York, by the Young Men's Missionary Society of New York City. He probably began this work in Norwich soon after Mr. Adams left. From late in 1819 to 1821 he was Stated Supply over the Church in Warsaw, Wyoming County, N. Y. June 19, 1822, was ordained and installed Pastor of the Church at Geneseeo, Livingston County, N. Y., from which he was dismissed July 3, 1832. September 17, 1832, was installed over the Church at Wyoming, N. Y., and dismissed February 11, 1836. June 27, 1837, was installed over the Church at Clarkson, Monroe County, N. Y. In 1845 received the degree of D. D. from Union College. In 1846 became Stated Supply at Lewiston, Niagara County, N. Y., where he died December 7, 1847. (Letter of Dr. Hatfield.)

REV. JOHN TRUAIR.

Mr. Truair was born in Cheshire, New Haven County, Conn., November 29, 1780, his father being a farmer in that town. He did not go through College. He was ordained at Cambridge, Vt., November, 1810, and married Mrs. Abigail Woodruff Stevens, March 6, 1811. July 8, 1814, he went to the First Congregational Church of Sherburne, N. Y., and was installed over it July 5, 1815. February 15 or 16, 1816, he preached a sermon at Norwich, at the formation of the first Chango County Bible Society; and several times during his pastorate at Sherburne he supplied and labored with this Church. October 1, 1819, he joined Oneida Presbytery, and the same year the Synod, on petition, formed the Presbytery of Otsego, composed of five Churches and seven ministers, of whom he was one. His pastorate at Sherburne was dissolved September 5, 1820. During his stay two hundred or more persons were added to the Church. In 1820 he went to Cherry Valley and was there less than two years, yet one hundred and sixty-six were added to the Church during his stay. His pastorate closed by his own urgent request, March 24, 1822. The next Sunday he officiated at communion, when eight more were added to the Church. He then took up missionary work among the seamen of New York.

A writer says of him: "He was educated, talented and full of vim—of excessive activity, of great persuasive powers as a speaker, and successful in bringing souls to Christ as to merit comparison with preachers of the type of Mr. Moody." He died in Fabius, N. Y., April 26, 1845, and was buried there. His age was 65. He was father of Prof. John G. K. Truair, who was Principal of Norwich Academy in 1847-'8, and now and for many years, editor of "The Syracuse Journal."

REV. LUTHER CLARK.

Mr. Clark was born at Canterbury, Windham County, Conn., May 1792. His father, Capt. Seth Clark, was a carpenter. He occupied the pulpit of this Church a while after the dedication in 1819, but how long is not known. He must have been only a student at the time. What college he graduated from, or whether he went to college at all is not now known. In 1822 he studied theology at Princeton College remaining about one year. While at Princeton he was under the care of the Presbytery of North River, N. Y., and was a classmate of Rev. Albert Barnes, the commentator. Not far from this time he married Mary Rogers, with whom he lived two or three years. One child was born to them, but soon both the child and its mother died. April 29, 1824, he was licensed by the Presbytery of North River, and ordained as an Evangelist by the same body, April 28, 1825. September 27, 1825, he married Rachel Amelia Clark, of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess

ounty, N. Y. He continued to preach in various places, but did not make a permanent settlement until April 26, 1827, when he joined Chenango Presbytery from the Presbytery of North River, and October 1, was installed by the former, over the Congregational Church at Plymouth, N. Y. In 1831 a powerful revival visited his Church, and many were converted. This was when Littlejohn was at Norwich, during Mr. Bogue's ministry. While at Plymouth he often supplied the Church at Otselic.

In December, 1834, he resigned the charge of the Church at Plymouth. His resignation was accepted at the meeting at which it was offered, and he soon went to Dryden, Tompkins County, N. Y., and was installed over the Presbyterian Church there, June 9, 1835. In March, 1845, while still a Pastor at Dryden, he visited his old home in Connecticut. At Lisbon, Conn., he preached at the Sabbath services, March 23. The next day, while preparing to return to Dryden, the carriage waiting at the door, he was taken with a severe pain in the head, went into the house, and Friday, March 28, died, aged 52 years and 10 months. He was buried in the cemetery at Canterbury, by the side of his parents. He is said to have been "a very fine man, and an excellent preacher." "He was an earnest, devoted and successful minister of the Gospel, and died calmly and peacefully trusting in the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ." His widow is now living in Bloomington, Ill. (H., ps. 290 and 292. Records Chen. Presbty. C. A., ps. 47, 76 and last. Letters of Dr. Hatfield, Rev. Henry Clark, and others of the above, and several of his children.)

REV. EDWARD ANDREWS.

Mr. Andrews was born in Ipswich, Mass., July, 1792. His father, Isaac Andrews, was a prominent lawyer in Essex County, Mass., and was a graduate of Harvard, from which the son also graduated in 1810, having entered at the age of fourteen. He studied law, and practiced several years successfully. By a providential circumstance he decided to enter the ministry, and went to Catskill, N. Y., and studied with Rev. Dr. Porter, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman. After completing his studies, he was soon licensed to preach, and began missionary labors, traveling on horseback and preaching in dwellings, school houses, or out of doors, wherever he could find listeners. The country was then but thinly settled, and he made his home with whoever gave him room, staying over night, or a few days together, as he thought the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom demanded. In this way he traversed the Susquehanna and Genesee Valleys, sowing the seed. Among those who entertained him was Robert Harper, of Colesville, from whom the village of Harpersville was named. Mr. Harper was a graduate of Glasgow University, Scotland; had been a professor in Kings (now Columbia) College, New York, and had held sev-

eral civil offices. Owning a large tract of land in Colesville, he went there to live at the age of sixty. Mr. Andrews was a very welcome guest at his house, and in April, 1820, his eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was married to the young clergyman, and they came directly to Norwich to live, where, June 28, Mr. Andrews was ordained by a Joint Committee from Otsego Presbytery and a Constitutional Council from Union Association, and installed Pastor of this Church.

The following October he was elected Corresponding Secretary of Chenango County Bible Society, but resigned July 3, 1826. While Pastor of this Church he opened a school in the village, which was quite successful. He was one of the ministers who composed the Presbytery of Chenango, at its formation, May 29, 1826, and was present at its first meeting. His pastorate over this Church closed November 30, 1826, and he went to Oxford and took charge of the Academy. While there he decided to enter the Protestant Episcopal Church, towards which he had been leaning for several months. October 1, 1827, he was ordained Deacon by Rt. Rev. J. H. Hobart, in St. George Church, Schenectady, N. Y., and October 16, reported the fact to the Presbytery. A Committee was appointed to remonstrate with him. This being unsuccessful, with a slight show of ill-temper by the Presbytery, his name was stricken from the roll, September 10, 1828. About this time he became Rector of the Episcopal Church at New Berlin, and remained there some years; from which place he went to Hudson, Columbia County, and from there to Binghamton, in 1830, becoming Rector of Christ's Church. He sustained this relation until 1850, when failing health compelled him to give up preaching. He however remained with the Church as a communicant until his death, which took place Tuesday, March 5, 1867, at the age of seventy-three years. He was buried in Spring Forest Cemetery at Binghamton, beside his wife, with whom he had lived nearly fifty years. The Church placed a marble tablet to his memory, on the wall near his pew.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Geneva—now Hobart—College. He was a man of strong, vigorous intellect, which he retained until his death. He was often eloquent in discourse; very earnest, and very devoted to his calling; and after forty years of service only laid down the armor when his physical nature refused to wear it. He was very affectionate in disposition, and left a lasting and loving remembrance in the hearts of his people. Hon. Thurlow Weed says of him while in Norwich: "He was highly esteemed as Preacher, Pastor and Citizen." (Letters of Hon. E. C. Andrews, Hon. Thurlow Weed, and Records of Otsego Presbty.)

REV. ASA DONALDSON.

February, 1818, he was ordained by Union Association, having been previously licensed by that body; and May 25, 1819, was installed

he same, over the First Congregational Church of Guilford, where he remained until 1831. During this time he was employed several times as a missionary by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, to labor in Western New York. He was one of the ministers who were formed into the Presbytery of Chenango, May 29, 1826; was Moderator at its first meeting, and was elected to the position at nearly every meeting while he remained in this section. November 21, 1826, he was appointed by the Presbytery to supply the Norwich pulpit during December and January, after Mr. Andrews left. He finally went west, and lived with a son, at whose house he died several years ago. (Records of Chen. Presbty. Letter of Rev. Peter Lockwood, etc.)

REV. PETER LOCKWOOD.

Mr. Lockwood was born at Bridgeport, Conn., Thursday, February 1, 1798, his father being a merchant at that place. He was converted in 1815, and graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1820. In August, 1822, was ordained by Fairfield West Association, Connecticut, and October 2, married Matilda Davenport, of Stamford, Conn. Tuesday, April 25, 1826, he joined Chenango Presbytery from Presbytery of New York City, and Sunday, either June 14 or 21, 1827, began preaching to this Church on trial for three months. About May 1, he received a call from the Church to become its Pastor, with a salary for the first year of \$400, guaranteed by eight men—"Truman Enos, Deacons Elijah Chamberlain and Levi Brooks, Joseph S. and Loring Denton, and David Buttolph, members of the Church, and William Snow and Benjamin Chapman, of the Society." Mr. Lockwood accepted, and about the middle of May went to Stamford for his wife and goods. At this time a son was born to him, and he was thus detained until June 30, after which he started with his goods by Erie Canal. At Utica he received a letter from the Church, saying he had better not bring his goods at present. He left them in Utica and hastened to Norwich, to see what was the matter. He was told that nothing was the matter with him, but it was thought best that he should remain a while longer on trial. (See p. 24.) He peremptorily refused, and went to Pharsalia, where his father-in-law owned wild lands, and preached a few times "in a school house near Judge Waldron's." He very soon went to Oxford, and for a short time made his home with Rev. Elijah D. Wells, Pastor of the Oxford Church. Friday, August 1, 1827, he went to Chenango Point—now Binghamton—having received an urgent call to become colleague Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and was installed Wednesday, December 5, 1827. After the death of the Pastor, Rev. Benjamin Niles, July 18, 1828, he was sole Pastor until 1833, when he left. From April 12, 1843, until 1848 or '9,

he was Pastor of the Church at Berkshire, Tioga County, N. Y. October, 1845, was Moderator of the Synod of Geneva, at Cortland.

Mr. Lockwood and his wife are now living in Binghamton, and are connected with the First Presbyterian Church. Though he is no longer preaching, he is still vigorous, and himself and wife are in good health and able yet to attend to their household and business affairs. In 1879 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. At this time, 1879, they are each over eighty years of age. (F., p. 504. Records of Chen. Presb. and letter of Mr. Lockwood.)

REV. LYMAN SPENCER REXFORD.

Mr. Rexford was born at Barkhamsted, Litchfield County, Conn., 1783. His father was a farmer. Soon after the birth of this son, the family moved to that part of the town of Sherburne which is now Smyrna. In 1807 he entered Yale College in the Senior year, and graduated in the Class of 1808. He then studied law, and October 1811, was licensed to practice in the Court of Common Pleas. Not far from this time he married, but to whom is not known. He practiced law until about 1818, when his son died, and this affliction brought about his conversion. He studied theology under the tuition of Rev. John Truair, in his own office, and was licensed to preach by the Union Association, probably in 1820. Mr. Truair left the Sherburne Church in September, 1820, and for two years Mr. Rexford acted as Stated Supply over it. In October, 1820, he was elected Manager of Chenango County Bible Society, and July 3, 1821, Corresponding Secretary in place of Rev. Edward Andrews. September 18, 1822, he was ordained by a Council in this County. He continued to live in Sherburne until 1827, when he moved to Norwich, and January 29, 1829, was appointed Treasurer and Depositary of Chenango County Bible Society. While living in Norwich he supplied this pulpit for a few months after Mr. Lockwood left, but just how long is not known. April 17, 1829, he preached a sermon at the funeral of Peter B. Guernsey, Jr., in the Church, and this seems to have been about the last of his labors in the village. March 2, he had resigned his offices in the Bible Society, "as he was about to leave the place." He soon removed to Sherburne.

September 8, 1829, he joined Chenango Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Albany, and was appointed Commissioner to Auburn Theological Seminary. Not far from this time he was attacked with some laryngeal difficulty, and being obliged to give up preaching regularly he engaged in mercantile business in Sherburne. He however preached occasionally in the vicinity, and in this way spent the remainder of his life. He died in Sherburne, November 8, 1843, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in the Episcopal church-yard in that place. He had been married twice.

Mr. Rexford was a man of ability; a fine reader; very critical, and gave much attention to elocution. At family devotions he often compelled members of his household to read again and again their verses of Scripture, because they were not read properly. An error in pronunciation or grammar was unpardonable. Being very fond of theological discussion, he rendered himself at times rather offensive to those with whom he conversed; and yet he was very kind-hearted, and his memory is lovingly cherished by those who were most intimate with him. He was a man of varied learning, and could converse on almost any topic with fluency. He was always ready with a joke or anecdote, and was very entertaining in social gatherings. (Records Chen. Bible Society and Chen. Presbty. Letters of Mrs. C. M. Wells, H. Dunham, Rev. J. Chambers, etc.)

REV. HORACE PUBLIUS BOGUE, D. D.

Mr. Bogue was born at Winchester, Litchfield County, Conn., December 22, 1796, and was a son of Rev. Publius Virgilius Bogue, who in the early years of this century was very well known and respected in Central New York. The father and grandfather both were graduates from Yale College, and the grandfather was also a clergyman. About 1814 the father—Rev. P. V. Bogue—moved from Georgia, Franklin County, Vt., whither he had gone from Vernon Centre, Oneida County, N. Y., fourteen years before, on account of ill health, to Auquoit, Oneida County, N. Y., and became Pastor of the Congregational Church there. Two years before Hamilton College had been incorporated, at Clinton, and being so near, the son, H. P. Bogue, entered that institution instead of Yale, and graduated in 1820, in the same class with Rev. Albert Barnes and others who have since become noted men. He then studied theology at Andover, Mass., graduating in January, 1823.

He was licensed by Oneida Association, and Wednesday, January 1, 1823, joined Otsego Presbytery from Presbytery of Oneida. The next day he was ordained and installed by Otsego Presbytery, over the church at Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y. Sunday, February 23, 1823, he married Grace Caroline Brown, at Bridgewater, Oneida County. He remained at Butternuts until late in December, 1829, and had no doubt preached several times in Norwich, for September 8, 1829, the Norwich Church asked permission of Chenango Presbytery to call him from Otsego Presbytery. A special meeting of Otsego Presbytery was held, October 13, at Butternuts, to consider the matter. Jeduthan Hitchcock, as Commissioner from the Norwich Church, "requested leave to prosecute the said call," for the following reasons, viz:

"1st. The peculiar state of the Church in Norwich, in being unable, after several attempts, to unite on any other man." (Mr. Hitchcock added—referring to Mr. Lockwood—"that one man came and did not stay long enough to unpack his goods.")

"2d. The town of Norwich and its vicinity presents a more extended field of usefulness than the town of Butternuts."

Dea. Joseph T. Gilbert—brother-in-law of Benjamin Chapman, of Norwich—and Russell Millard, were Commissioners from the Church in Butternuts. They signified the willingness of the Church that the Presbytery decide the matter. Mr. Bogue also expressed the same and added "that in view of all circumstances it was his impression that duty called him to Norwich." The matter was discussed freely and the next day, October 14, a season of prayer was held for Divine direction. The Records then go on to say:

"Presbytery having heard the Commissioners from the Churches and Congregations of Norwich and Butternuts, setting forth the respective claims of said Churches, and having sought for direction from heaven on the subject, resolved as follows, viz:

"1st. That the pastoral relation now existing between the Rev. H. P. Bogue and the Church of Butternuts be continued to the 1st day of January, 1830.

"2d. That after the 1st day of January, 1830, the Congregation of Norwich be permitted to prosecute their call agreeably to their request.

"3d. That after the 1st day of January, 1830, the pastoral relation now existing between the Rev. H. P. Bogue and the Church and Congregation of Butternuts be dissolved, and that he be dismissed from this Presbytery and recommended to the Presbytery of Chenango."

Toward the last of December, 1829, he came to Norwich, and without doubt began his engagement with this Church, Sunday, January 1, 1830. Wednesday, December 30, 1829, he was made a Director of Chenango County Temperance Society. Tuesday, February 2, 1830, he joined Chenango Presbytery, and Truman Enos presented, as Commissioner from this Church, a formal call through the Presbytery. This Mr. Bogue of course accepted, and Wednesday, February 24, 1830, he was installed by the Presbytery. The services were at 11 A. M., and Rev. Peter Lockwood preached the sermon. May 31, he was made Secretary and a Director of Chenango County Bible Society. July 1, 1830, he opened a school for young ladies in Norwich.

Tuesday, March 19, 1833, he, with Elder Swan, was at the execution of George Denison, in Norwich, and addressed the multitude assembled in the mud and slush, to see the first execution in this County and until June 6, 1879,* the only one. As the time came for the drop to fall, Mr. Bogue was called upon to offer prayer. He complied, and continued his prayer for three-quarters of an hour. "That prayer, as it has since been called, was the subject of much remark, and Mr. Bogue was very sharply censured by the newspapers of the time, and by many people. It is still vividly remembered by the old residents. Whether this storm of words had anything to do with it or not, does not now appear, but Tuesday, April 16, he asked leave

* The date of the second. The criminal was Felix McCann, of Sherburne.

the Presbytery to resign his pastorate, and D. Buttolph, as Commissioner from the Church, concurred in the request. The next day it was granted, and Mr. Bogue was directed to preach to the Church the next Sunday in April, and declare the pulpit vacant.

He soon after removed to Vernon, Oneida County, and remained there until 1840. He was after this at Seneca Falls from 1842 to 1849. At Seneca Falls his health failed, and he took an agency for the "Society for Ameliorating the Condition of the Jews," and the "New York Colonization Society," and from 1851 to 1864 lived in Syracuse. From 1862 to '64 was Stated Supply at Preble, Cortland County; from 1864 to '66, at East Hamburg, Erie County. His strength failing, he removed to Buffalo, where a married daughter was living, and when health permitted supplied destitute Churches in the vicinity. He died at his daughter's residence in Buffalo, January 15, 1872, not having been confined to his bed at all. He was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, near that city. His age was seventy-five years.

Through his exertions a professorship was endowed with \$20,000, at the College of Liberia, Africa; and the first degree conferred by that institution was that of D. D. upon Mr. Bogue, in 1871, as a token of regard, and appreciation of his labors.

Dr. Fowler says of him: His "person was striking and imposing, and his manners studied, but demonstrative and elegant. While deliberate in utterance, he was vivacious and free, and always earnest, and he made private conversation and social intercourse the opportunity and means of conveying important sentiments he held. His connections were positive and frankly expressed, and favored conservatism and opposed radicalism, both in religion and reform. He led in activity certainly, the opposition in this region to abolitionism and new measures, and not only dared to resist them, but delighted to assail them. His sermons commanded attention, but more from his natural force than from investigation and reflection. He preached from the impulse of the moment, and as a busy man, and not as a profound scholar and elaborate orator; but divine testimony was often given to the words of grace he spoke."

One of his sons—Rev. H. P. V. Bogue—is a clergyman, and Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Avon, N. Y. A few months since he presented this (Norwich) Church with a copy of the Articles of Faith and Covenant adopted by it at its organization. This copy had belonged to his father. (Letters of Rev. H. P. V. Bogue. Records of Otsego and Chen. Presbys. Files of "Chenango Telegraph." F., p. 35-'6. H., p. 293.)

REV. SETH WILLISTON.

Mr. Williston was born April 4, 1790, at Suffield, Hartford County, Conn. His father combined the occupations of saddler and farmer.

The son was converted, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1792, receiving his first degree. After three years of school teaching he began the study of theology with Dr. Bachus, of Somers, Conn. October 7, 1794, he was licensed by North Association of Hartford, and preached in several places in Connecticut and Vermont. He writes: "About this time I attended a meeting of ministers in Hartford, as spectator, being out of employment. The destitution of the Gospel in the west and the "Chenango Country" was spoken of. As they were coming out of the meeting, one of the ministers said, 'Mr. Williston you are just the man to go.' It struck me favorably, and I concluded to go." He found another man destined for the same section, and they went together. He reached Patterson Settlement—now Lisle Broome County, but then in Chenango County—July, 1796, and soon located there. The next year he returned to Connecticut, and June 7, 1797, was ordained as an Evangelist at Northington, by North Association of Hartford, went back to Lisle and organized a Church the last of that year, or the first of 1798. He was without doubt the first Congregational minister that settled in Chenango County.

At the organization of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in 1798, he was employed by it as a missionary; and in June of the same year, by the General Assembly, to labor for four months in a like capacity. During these tours he went over the "Chenango Country" and the "Military Tract" in Central New York. In 1799 he was again employed by the Missionary Society of Connecticut, and spent four months in Ontario County. To a very great extent the "great revival" in Central New York, which made that year a date mark to that generation, was the result of his labors during these tours. In 1800 he was employed by the same Society to labor in all Western New York. In May, 1801, he was installed Pastor in Lisle, but used one-quarter of his time in missionary labors.

May 8, 1804, he married Mrs. Sibyl Dudley. In 1809 he resigned his pastorate at Lisle, and not long after settled in Durham, Green County, N. Y., where he remained Pastor until 1828; at which time feeling that he was called to the especial work of an Evangelist, at his own urgent request, the Church accepted his resignation, and he did not again become a Pastor, but acted as Stated Supply over some twelve or thirteen Churches, in some places only a few months, and in others as long as two years. Among the longer terms was the one with the Norwich Church, which began Sunday, June 9, 1833. Being obliged to attend to his affairs in Durham, which was still his home, he closed his labors here with two sermons, one of which was at a funeral, Wednesday, September 10, 1834.

While in Norwich he spent much time on his "Harmony of Divine Truth," a closely printed 8vo. of over 600 pages, published in Utica in 1836, and much esteemed at that time. After its publication the degree of D. D.—"semi-lunar fardels," as he called it—was con-

red upon him by Hamilton College. After attending to his affairs in Durham, he went from place to place soliciting subscriptions for the "Harmony." From Sunday, January 14, 1844, to Friday, February 9, 1844, he again supplied the Norwich pulpit, Rev. William M. Richards beginning the following Sunday.

Sunday, March 2, 1851, he died at Guilford Centre, Chenango County, N. Y., and was buried there. His age was 80 years and 11 months. Wednesday, June 25, following, Chenango Presbytery met at that place, and in the afternoon went in a body to his grave, and held a memorial service, Rev. John B. Hoyt leading. It was not a service held in honor of or out of respect for the aged saint, but a family of men mourning for a father beloved and a faithful minister of Christ.

Dr. Williston was a very active man. No hardships could lessen his zeal, nor overcome his desire for the salvation of souls. Dr.otchkin says of him: "He kept his eye open to the signs of the times, and incessantly strove to stir up God's people to improve seasons and opportunities to advance His kingdom and do His work. His earnestness may have too uniformly given seriousness and solemnity to his appearance, and he may have dealt disproportionately with the law at the expense of the Gospel, but it was the error of a tender conscience, and not of a harsh heart. I met him in the decline of his life, at the house of his brother, a distinguished lawyer and Judge, of Athens, Pa. Tall, slender and dignified, with the manners of a patriarch and the spirit of a saint, he made the deepest impression of veneration upon me I ever received." Father Enos, who knew him well while with this Church, used to say, "He could live down any man I ever saw." He wrote with ease, and published no less than nine or ten books, and quite a number of pamphlets. (Letter of Rev. T. Williston. H., ps. 36, 43-45, 62-65, and others. F., ps. 50, 51 and 684. Records of Chen. Presbty.)

REV. JOHN SESSIONS.

Mr. Sessions was the son of a farmer in Putney, Windham County, Vt., and was born at that place, September 29, 1795. Was converted in 1812. Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1822. The same year he entered the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, at Princeton, N. J., and graduated in 1823. In January, 1825, was ordained by the Presbytery of Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., and had for his first charge the Church at Adams, in that County. February 1, he married Eliza Winne. He afterwards preached in Brownville, in that County, from which place he came to Norwich, and preached his first sermon in town Sunday, October 12, 1834. Wednesday, February 18, 1835, he joined Chenango Presbytery from Presbytery of Watertown, at a meeting at Norwich; was formally

called by this Church, accepted, and was installed at once, Rev. James Abell preaching the sermon. Tuesday, April 19, 1842, he requested the Presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relation to this Church. Nelson Chapman, Commissioner from the Church, concurred, and Mr. Sessions was appointed to preach Sunday, May 1, and declare the pulpit vacant. A Committee was appointed by the Presbytery to draft a minute on the subject. The next day it reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

“Resolved, That in granting the mutual request of the (Norwich) Pastor and Congregation, in view of the reasons presented, the Presbytery have yielded to what appears to be the necessity of the case, and have been governed by a desire to promote the peace and welfare of the Congregation and the comfort and usefulness of this Brother, who has long and faithfully ministered to them in holy things. That although the Presbytery have consented to dissolve this connection, they are at the same time deeply impressed with the importance and sacredness of the pastoral relation, which they firmly believe ought never to be sundered except for the most weighty and urgent considerations. That they have acceded to this request with extreme reluctance and regret, inasmuch as this act will lead to the removal from their bounds of a Brother dearly beloved, for whose talents, piety and prudence the Presbytery entertain a high respect; and while they cannot but lament the separation from their body of one the benefit of whose experience and sound judgment they have long enjoyed, their prayer and hope is that the Great Head of the Church may soon conduct him to another field of labor where his happiness and usefulness will be greatly augmented.”

His pastorate closed at the time appointed, but he still made Norwich his home until April 1, 1843, probably, and removed to Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, N. Y., and took charge of the Presbyterian Church there, which he retained about two years. August, 1843, he was dismissed by Chenango Presbytery to Presbytery of Troy. In 1844 he opened a boarding school at Sand Lake. In 1848 he accepted a professorship in the Albany Institute and Academy, and remained several years. In 1855-'6 he traveled in the Sandwich Islands, where his son-in-law, Rev. S. E. Bishop, was stationed as a missionary.

In 1856 Mr. Sessions took charge of the Jefferson County Institute, at Watertown, and remained until 1859, after which, for three years, he supplied the Churches of Philadelphia and Dexter, in that County. September, 1863, he removed to Oakland, Alamada County, Cal., where, at the age of eighty-three, he now resides with one of his sons.

September 30, 1835, he was elected Secretary of Chenango County Bible Society, which office he held until May 4, 1842, being released at that time only because he was soon to leave the County.

Mr. Sessions was a rigid disciplinarian and a thorough Presbyterian. While with this Church he was both Pastor and Clerk, and was very accurate and methodical in all his entries in the Church books. During his stay several persons were excommunicated from the Church. In the record of members kept by him, which is still preserved, oppo-

the names of such persons, that formidable word is written in a large, bold, hand, showing the earnestness with which he followed in the footsteps of Calvin, and the satisfaction he felt in ridding the Church of unworthy members. Before he came, the Church records had been very carefully kept, when kept at all; but he gathered the scraps and copied them into a book, which he procured for the purpose, and from the members obtained much valuable information regarding the early history of the Church, which he also recorded. This book was lost in 1856, and has not yet come to light as yet, though searched for many times very thoroughly. (Records of Chen. Presbty. Letter of E. C. Sessions, etc.)

REV. AARON RUSSELL LIVERMORE.

He was the son of Aaron Livermore, who was a farmer, and lived in Westford, Cheshire County, N. H., where the son was born October 10, 1810. In June, 1827, he was converted, and in October, 1833, entered Amherst College. In 1836, being unexpectedly called upon to assume the care of his parents for a few months, he left College in the fall, at the close of the spring term, without graduating. In 1837 he entered Lane Seminary at Cincinnati, then under the charge of Dr. Amos A. Beecher, and remained about a year. In 1838-9 he studied theology in the Connecticut Theological Institute at East Windsor Hill, Windsor County. In the fall of 1838 he was licensed to preach by the Andover (Mass.) Association, and in the fall of 1839 was called to the Church at Westminster, Windham County, Vt. In the winter and spring of 1840, he labored with the Church at Gilsom, Cheshire County, N. H. Tuesday, October 6, 1840, he married Mary P. Skinner, at East Windsor Hill, Conn.

In 1842, after the close of Mr. Sessions' pastorate, the officers of the Westminster Church wrote to Rev. Dr. Bennet Tyler, President of the Connecticut Theological Institute, inquiring about a man for a Pastor. Dr. Tyler recommended Mr. Livermore, and he came about September 1, and became Stated Supply over this Church. The next spring—1843—finding that the climate was not suited to his health, he closed his labors, about April 1, went to Mansfield, Tolland County, Conn., where he was ordained Wednesday, August 30, by a Council composed of pastors and delegates from the neighboring Congregational Churches. He remained Pastor of this Church fifteen years and three months. In November, 1859, he went to the 2d Congregational Church, Goshen, N. H., in Lebanon, New London County, Conn., and was installed January 22, 1860. He remained there eight years, until his health failed. After two years of rest, he so far regained his health that he again became Stated Supply over the Church in Bozrahville, in the same County. About April 1, 1873, he was again forced to stop preaching, on account of ill health, and since that time his health has not allowed him to take up that nor any other occupation.

When he came to Norwich he had a son a few months old. The son entered the Union Army during the Rebellion, and died in the service. Mr. Livermore now lives in Fair Haven, New Haven County, Conn. He writes: "I loved the Church in Norwich, and had high esteem for the people generally." (Letters of Dr. Hatfield, and Mr. Livermore.)

REV. WILLIAM MASON RICHARDS.

Mr. Richards was born at Hartford, Conn., July 11, 1805. His father was a surgeon in the United States Army, in the Revolution, so that he inherited the ardent love for freedom and hatred of slavery which characterized him. In 1832 he graduated from Williams College; and on Wednesday, November 25, 1835, was ordained by Franklin (Mass.) Association, and installed over the Congregational Church in South Deerfield, Mass., where he remained until August, 1843.

December 9, 1835, he married Caroline Daugherty. From South Deerfield he came to Norwich as a candidate, "in a time of fathomless mud," and preached his first sermon Sunday, February 11, 1844. Sunday, March 17, he became "Stated Supply," or "Acting Pastor," and so remained until Friday, May 9, 1845. The Church was Presbyterian, and he "was a Congregationalist and an abolitionist, and the Session was not yet ready for advance movements," therefore he resigned the charge of the Church, but continued to live in Norwich until the following December or January, when he "went to Oxford as successor to Rev. Arthur Burtis." Was there one year; at Hampton three years; and, after "an interregnum of ill health, went to Morrisville;" and soon removed to Illinois. In 1857, he wrote "I went to Berlin, Wis., as a Congregational acting Pastor of a Presbyterian Church. This state of things could not last long, and in '63 I was violently tossed into a large place, i. e., out of my pulpit there." "After five years choice work in the ministry," he went to Princeton, Wis., and remained ten years and a half, and now has returned to Berlin, Green Lake County, and lives with his son-in-law a lawyer.

He is remembered by the older people in Norwich, as a pleasant man, an earnest preacher, and a true citizen. (Records of the Chester Presbytery. Letter of Mr. Richards, etc.)

REV. CHARLES PIERSON JENNINGS.

Mr. Jennings was the son of a physician, and was born in Springfield, N. J., October 29, 1820. At the age of thirteen he became "clearer in faith and hope," though "never without feeling." A marked change occurred, and he grew into the Christian faith without any definite experience. He did not enter College, but studied theo-

at Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in 1842. Was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Dayton, Ohio, and though he preached often, was not settled over a Church. September 6, 1842, he married Gertrude Gouverneur Burnet, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and February, 1843, was ordained by the Presbytery of Munroe, Mich., and began preaching in the Presbyterian Church at Tecumseh, same State. In 1845 the Church at Norwich proposed to call him to its pastorate, but he refused to allow it, for the reason that the Church, though Presbyterian in form, was not united in that belief. He was himself a Presbyterian. He came, however, as Stated Supply, in July, from Tecumseh.

In the fall of 1846, he was attacked with laryngitis, which disabled him for six months, and he gave up the charge of the Church, Friday, January 1, 1847; and the next summer and fall he spent in travel. The following winter he removed to the west to find a more favorable climate; and during the years following was Stated Supply over several churches, was settled as Pastor over the 3d Church of Springfield, Ill., and the 1st Church in La Fayette, Ind., and spent several years teaching.

In June, 1870, was ordained Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Talbot, at Indianapolis, Ind., and in February, 1871, was ordained Presbyter at St. Louis. In 1870 he removed to Missouri, and engaged in missionary work until 1876, when he was appointed Dean of St. Andrew's Divinity School at Syracuse, N. Y., and moved there in September. This office he still holds.

Those who knew him here remember him as "a perfect gentleman," and a very worthy man, whom it was a pleasure to know and associate with.

He joined Chenango Presbytery, Wednesday, October 8, 1845, and remained a member until January 11, 1848, when he was dismissed to Presbytery of Cincinnati, Ohio. (Records of Chen. Presby. Letter of Mr. Jennings, etc.)

REV. DANIEL CLARK, JR.

Mr. Clark's father was a farmer, and lived in the town of Western, Oneida County, N. Y., at which place the son was born, January 25, 1805, and inherited much of the vigor and vim possessed by those early settlers, the pioneers of that, at that time, almost unknown wilderness. At the age of nineteen—in 1824—he was converted at Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y. He entered Hamilton College, but did not remain to finish his course. He then privately studied theology, and was licensed to preach in February, 1833, by the Presbytery of Oneida. Being in debt for his education, he accepted an agency for the American Bible Society. August 11, 1833, he married Mary Parsons.

He held the Bible Society agency until early in 1835, when he was employed by the Chatham Street Chapel, in New York City. This was the old Chatham Street Theatre, which had been altered into a Church, and was under the patronage of Arthur Tappan & Co., silk merchants, the noted abolitionists. About this time the Pastor of the Chapel, Rev. Charles G. Finney, became engaged in those wonderful evangelistic labors which have not yet lost their influence, and Mr. Clark was employed to supply his pulpit during his absence of several months. Tuesday, November 3, 1835, Mr. Clark was called to the "Village Church," then worshipping in the old Bank House, corner of 8th Avenue and 4th Street, New York, and began preaching there the following Sunday. Tuesday, March 22, 1836, he was ordained by the Third Presbytery of New York, and installed over that Church. May 22, that Church occupied and dedicated the church building in Janes Street. It was Presbyterian at this time, but June 13, 1836, withdrew from the Presbytery and became Congregational. Mr. Clark remained its Pastor, however, though a Presbyterian, until April 4, 1838, when he accepted an urgent call to an agency for the American Education Society. April 21, 1840, he attended a meeting at Norwich, of Chenango Presbytery, and was invited to a seat.

May 14, 1842, he was dismissed from the Third Presbytery of New York, to Oneida Presbytery. In January, 1843, the latter was divided and the eastern part made into the new Presbytery of Utica. In October following what remained of Oneida Presbytery was transferred to the Presbytery of Utica, and the former became extinct. Mr. Clark then by became a member of the latter. He continued to hold his agency until June, 1847. In 1846 the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Hamilton College. Tuesday, June 8, 1847, by invitation he preached at a meeting of Chenango Presbytery at Sherburne. He had undoubtedly preached several times in Norwich during his agency, and was well known in the place.

Tuesday, July 6, 1847, he joined Chenango Presbytery, from Presbytery of Utica, was formally called, and immediately installed Pastor of this Church. September 1, 1851, his pastorate closed by his request, and the same day the Presbytery dismissed him to the Presbytery of Buffalo, and he immediately left Norwich and took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Fredonia, N. Y. From there, in 1856, he removed to Lyons, Iowa. From there to Galena, Ill. He visited Norwich September, 1857, and Sunday, September 6, he assisted at communion. Was Stated Supply in Galesburg, Ill., a while, after which he was installed over a Congregational Church in Plainfield, Ill., by a Joint Council, still retaining his connection with Chicago Presbytery. He again visited Norwich, as an agent of the American Education Society, in 1865, and lectured.

He remained Pastor of the Plainfield Church until his death, which occurred Friday, September 24, 1869, under the following circumstances:

es: He was at the regular prayer meeting the evening before, and spoke of the resurrection body. A person who was present said that no one who saw him then could ever forget his appearance. His face became radiant with his subject, and he seemed on the very verge of heaven." On Friday morning he rode on horseback a short distance, to drive a cow home from pasture. He attempted to ford a bayou of the Page river, which had the appearance of shallow water, but was instead a deep gorge. Into this horse and rider plunged. Mr. Clark received a very severe blow on the head, probably from the horse's hoof, which must have caused instant death. His body was found in the river three or four hours after. His family were all away from home at the time. The funeral services were held in the Church, and were attended by large numbers of those who had known him as Pastor and friend. His people, by whom he was greatly beloved, erected a monument to his memory at Plainfield. His age was sixty-five years.

Dr. Fowler gives the following very truthful sketch of his character: His great energy and zeal, and his popular address, made him effective in sermons and still more in addresses, and his unsparing and unflinching exertions, and his alertness and tact and ready improvement of accidents and circumstances, made him successful in his enterprises and operations. Tall, and well proportioned, he bore himself with dignity, and was imposing in his appearance, and at the same time his earnest countenance, yet mobile features, and his firm tread and quick movements, showed how supple and vigorous he was. Life was too short with him for a long race, and at an age when most men have an extended course before them, he fell * * * at Plainfield." (Records of Chen. Presbty., and of this Church. Letters of Mrs. Clark, Rev. Mr. Hatfield, and Chester Huntington.)

REV. SAMUEL WEBSTER BUSH.

Mr. Bush, whose father was a physician, was born in Virginia, July 10, 1806. At eight years of age he was sent to Albany, N. Y., to school, and soon after he was twenty-one studied law with Judge Bishop, of Lenox, Mass. Was admitted to the Bar, but practiced very little, if at all, and did not go to College. For four years and a half he edited the newspaper now known as "The Berkshire County Eagle," and published at Pittsfield, Mass. After this he lived in Albany for a short time. In 1836 he entered Auburn Theological Seminary, and graduated in June, 1839, taking the full course. In November, 1839, was ordained at Binghamton, by Presbytery of Tioga, and December 24 was installed over the Congregational Church at that place, though a Presbyterian in belief. February 12, 1840, he married Betsey Weed, at Binghamton.

He remained with the Binghamton Church until February 20, 1841, when he went to Skaneateles, and March 20, was installed over the Presbyterian Church of that place. In 1851 he left that Church, and in October came to Norwich, and became Stated Supply over the Church. His labors here closed in May, 1855, and Sunday, June 1, he began laboring with the Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown, where he remained until 1861, and removed to Binghamton. February 1, 1865, he was appointed Chaplain of the New York State Inebriate Asylum at that place, a position for which he was peculiarly fitted. He held this position, with the intermission of only a few months, until his death, which took place March 21, 1877, at the age of seven years. He was buried in Spring Forest Cemetery at Binghamton.

Of him Dr. Fowler writes: "Modest and retiring, he did not 'mingle in high things,' and yet his appearance and manners as a gentleman, his good understanding and intelligence, his manifest sincerity, and his unflinching and unfailing devotion to his calling, introduced him into cultured congregations, and made him acceptable and useful to them. Particularly was he adapted to the post he held. His sympathy, his gentleness, and patience, and christian benevolence, his assiduity and judgment, made him the best of counselors and succorers for the victims of vice whom he sought to reclaim, and among them, perhaps, he performed the most valuable labors of his life." (Records of the Presbyterian Church of this City. Letters of Mrs. Bush. Files of "Chen. Telegraph," and Dr. Fowler.)

REV. HIRAM DOANE.

Mr. Doane was born at Lorraine, Jefferson County, N. Y., March 17, 1806, and was the son of Daniel Doane, a farmer. He expected to follow the same occupation; but when about eighteen years of age was one day driving a hay wagon from one field to another, with scythe and snath laying on the rack. By some means the snath caught in one of the wheels, and the scythe was thrown against his left knee, which was injured so badly that his knee became stiff, and he was crippled for life. This made a change in his occupation necessary. He thereupon decided to enter the ministry, and very soon began his studies. Entering Yale College in 1829, he graduated in 1833, "among the foremost of his class." He then studied theology in the same institution, and in 1838 began preaching in Smithville, Jefferson County, N. Y. He remained there two years, and was then called to the Congregational Church at Rutland, in the same County. November 21, 1841, he was ordained, and November 25, installed Pastor of the Church.

November 26, 1847, he married Mrs. Margaret A. Cummins, widow of William T. Church. In the fall of 1850 he went to the Congregational

al Church of East and West Carthage, Jefferson County, N. Y. After he came, the members living in East Carthage, with Mr. Doane at their head, withdrew and formed themselves into a Presbyterian Church. Mr. Doane withdrew from the Consociation, joined the Presbytery, and was installed over that Church by the latter body in 1851. In the winter of 1854 "about twenty united with that Church, the fruit of a revival." While at Carthage he also supplied the pulpit of the Congregational Church at Deer River, in the same County, and that Church "also received a considerable addition to its membership."

While in Jefferson County he was very much interested in trying to introduce the raising of sweet potatoes into that region; also in anything that pertained to agriculture. At one time he speculated in slaves, taking them to New York City to sell. He also taught school; and his capacity and discipline is said to have been very strict and severe.

On January 21, 1856, he accepted a call to this (Norwich) Church, and on Monday, January 6, preached his first sermon on that engagement. On the 24th, he joined Chenango Presbytery from the Presbytery of Wabasha, and on Tuesday, July 15, was installed Pastor of the Church. On Saturday, June 30, 1860, he tendered his resignation. It was not accepted, and he tendered it again, August 2, adding a request that it be accepted, which was complied with according to the following:

Resolved, That we feel obliged to and do hereby accept of such resignation of our Pastor, the same to take effect as of the 23d day of July 1860.

Resolved, That we heartily and earnestly commend the Rev. Mr. Doane to any Church and Society with which he may be connected hereafter, and that a copy of these resolutions be given to him, signed by each one of the Trustees of said Society."

On October 12, he asked, at a meeting of the Presbytery at Sherburne: "If a minister desirous of leaving his people presents to them his resignation, and they refuse to accept it, what course shall he then pursue?" Answered: "That he stay a reasonable time, and try to get the Church to join with him in the request."

On Monday evening, October 8, a farewell gathering was held at the Hayes House, then kept by B. B. Andrews, at which there was a large attendance of the friends of Mr. Doane, to bid him God speed. Toward the latter part of the month he left the place, and moved to Wabasha, Minn. Here he had bought land near where some of his relatives and friends lived, so that he might have some means of support when he could no longer preach. June 26, 1861, Chenango Presbytery dismissed him to the Presbytery of Wabasha. Soon after going to Wabasha, by invitation, he took charge of the Presbyterian Church there, and remained two years.

In 1862 he accepted a call to the position of City Missionary at Peoria, Ill., and left his farm for that place. While there an encampment of soldiers came under his care, in which he labored so successfully that he was elected Army Chaplain by the Young Men's Christian Association of Peoria. He received a formal commission from the Governor, in the 47th Regiment of Infantry, Ill. Vols., and in February, 1863, went with his Regiment to the Army before Vicksburg, then under Major General Grant. He was with his Regiment in every battle, never fearing any danger when duty called. Too much exposure to the malaria of that region finally broke his strong constitution. He was attacked with fever, became unconscious, and died near Vicksburg, Miss., Wednesday, July 22, 1863, aged fifty-seven. While at Peoria the parsonage was burned, and with it all his books and papers.

In many respects Mr. Doane was probably the strongest man intellectually that has ever been over this Church. His voice was strongly nasal, which gave a marked peculiarity to his pronunciation, and he was awkward in gait, caused by his stiff knee; yet in the pulpit all his peculiarities were forgotten in the earnestness and power of his discourse. An old gentleman who once heard him make an agricultural speech at a Fair in Watertown, describes his manner of address as "handsome."

He was a man of very strong convictions, which he clung to with unyielding persistency, therefore he was not as noted for spirituality as many men of less ability; yet the Church grew under his ministrations. The second year of his pastorate, during a powerful revival continuing six or eight weeks, he led the Church unaided, and forty-eight were added to its membership.

REV. SAMUEL SCOVILLE.

Mr. Scoville was born Sunday, December 21, 1834, at West Cornwall Conn., from whose stony hillsides his father, Jacob Scoville, a farmer gathered a comfortable income, and built up an old-fashioned New England home, which the children and grand-children to this day count "the dearest spot of earth."

At eleven years of age the son was converted, and joined the 2d Congregational Church in Cornwall, May, 1846. He graduated from Yale College, in the Class of '57. In January, 1858, he entered Auburn (N. Y.) Theological Seminary, and remained until May, when he took a commission from the American Sunday School Union, and spent the summer in Clinton County, founding Sunday Schools. In September he entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., and left there in July, 1859. In August following, he went to Europe, and passed the fall and winter in France, Switzerland and Italy. In the spring of

30 he visited Germany, and returning to England, spent several weeks in that country and Scotland, and returned home in August. In September he entered Union Theological Seminary, New York City, graduated in May, 1861, and was immediately licensed to preach by the New York and Brooklyn Association, being a Congregationalist. He came to Norwich by request, and preached the first two sermons ever preached, Sunday, February 3, 1861, in the Furniture Warehouse Hall. After two or three days spent in visiting the people, he returned to New York.

Monday, June 10, the Trustees of this Church called him to preach for three months on trial, and the next day the following rather prophetic letter was mailed to him:

NORWICH, June 11, 1861.

REV. SAMUEL SCOVILLE:

MY DEAR SIR—Your letter of the 4th instant was received last Friday. On Saturday and yesterday we passed through our Society, and we raised the \$200 for three months, as proposed by you, or so near it as to warrant us in accepting your proposition.

Our Trustees have just had a meeting, and I am now happy, in accordance with their direction, to say to you that we accept your proposition to come and preach to us for three months at \$200, the engagement to look toward the pastorate, as suggested by you.

I not only speak my own wishes and feelings, but those also of our Society and Church, when I add that we sincerely hope and trust that this brief engagement may be but the beginning of a long, pleasant and profitable connection as minister and people.

We earnestly hope that you will be with us to commence your labors next Sunday, and trust your engagements will allow you to be. To leave Brooklyn on Friday evening, by N. Y. & Erie Railroad, will bring you here Saturday noon; or on Saturday morning, will bring you here at say 10 P. M. the same day.

Pray be here next Sabbath, if possible. It will greatly please all our people. We are literally famishing for the preached word. I send a similar letter to West Cornwall, not knowing where you now are.

Trusting that we shall see you *soon*, and hear you next Sabbath, I am, for the Church and Society, as well as for myself,

Yours sincerely,

LEWIS KINGSLEY.

He accepted the proposition, and began his labors Sunday, June 23. Tuesday, September 17, he was ordained at Greene, by Susquehanna Association, and the next day was called by this Church and Society to become its Pastor, on a salary of \$800 and the Parsonage. He accepted, but was not installed.

Wednesday, September 25, he married, at Peekskill, N. Y., Harriet, daughter of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher: Mr. Beecher officiating. After a few weeks passed in a wedding tour, he returned to Norwich with his wife, and began his engagement, Sunday, November 3, 1861, conducting the services of the Church in Concert Hall. January 5, 1862, himself and wife presented letters, the one from the Church at North Cornwall, Conn., and the other from Plymouth Church, Brook-

lyn, and united with this Church; he being the first Pastor who had become a member of the Church.

The engagement with Mr. Scoville was renewed year by year, until 1875. It was then understood that he should remain until notice should be given by either party to sever the engagement. He has thus continued and now closes his eighteenth year of service, being the longest ever performed for any Church in town, and nearly three times longer than any ever performed for this Church. Sunday, June 23, 1878, the seventeenth anniversary, occurring on the same day of the week on which his engagement began, was celebrated in an appropriate and elaborate manner.

Mr. Scoville has had seven children born to him, three of which he has buried in the Norwich cemetery. He has had frequent calls to other and larger Churches, with larger salaries and greater honors, but thus far the love of his people, neighbors and fellow-citizens, and the graves of his children, have been bonds too strong to sever, and he still remains, with high hopes for the future of his Church, and with growing zeal in the Master's work; and to-day we thank God for the close union of Pastor and people.

Present Organization of this Church.

ACTING PASTOR:

REV. SAMUEL SCOVILLE.

DEACONS:

JAMES McCRAW,

[Elected July 13, 1861.]

LESTER TURNER,

[Elected January 4, 1868.]

W. D. PORTER,

[Ordained January 3, 1875.]

SAMUEL I. FOOTE,

[Ordained January 3, 1875.]

JOHN W. REDINGTON,

[Elected July 9, 1876.]

WILLIAM P. CHAPMAN

[Elected July 9, 1876.]

CHURCH COMMITTEE:

Composed of the Pastor and Officers of the Church, and Superintendent of the Sunday School.]

Its present members are:

REV. SAMUEL SCOVILLE,	JOHN W. REDINGTON,
JAMES McCRAW,	WILLIAM P. CHAPMAN,
LESTER TURNER,	JOHN HAMMOND,
WILLIAM D. PORTER,	CHARLES H. STANTON,
SAMUEL I. FOOTE,	CHARLES R. JOHNSON.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS:

North-West:

WILLIAM D. PORTER, JOHN W. REDINGTON,

North-East:

LESTER TURNER.

South-East:

SAMUEL I. FOOTE.

South-West:

JAMES McCRAW, WILLIAM P. CHAPMAN.

CHURCH CLERK:

CHARLES R. JOHNSON.

CHURCH TREASURER:

JOHN HAMMOND.

Present Organization of the Society.

TRUSTEES:

[The Annual Meeting for the election of Trustees and renting of pews, occurs the 1st week in December of each year, and the year begins January 1, following.]

John Hammond, }
Samuel I. Foote, } ----- Terms expire July 1, 187

William P. Chapman, }
Nathan P. Wheeler, } ----- Terms expire July 1, 188

T. De Witt Miller, }
Robert A. Stanton, } ----- Terms expire January 1, 188

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Nathan P. Wheeler.

CLERK OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES—William P. Chapman.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR—John Hammond.

TREASURER OF WEEKLY OFFERINGS—Robert D. Eaton.

CHORISTER AND ORGANIST—Mrs. Nettie C. Mitchell.

COMMITTEE OF USHERS—Frank P. Waters, Chairman; William J. McCaw, William W. Porter.

JANITOR—Norman Squires.

WOMEN'S WORKING ASSOCIATION:

PRESIDENT—Mrs. George W. Marvin.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Nathan P. Wheeler, Mrs. Joseph Latham, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. T. De Witt Miller.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Isaac S. Newton.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss Agnes McCaw.

TREASURER—Mrs. George W. Rice.

MATRON—Mrs. Lucy H. Miller.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Julia A. K. Kingsley.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Mrs. Rachel A. N. Barber.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT—John W. Church.

VICE PRESIDENTS—Frank P. Waters, L. Randall Gibson, Maria Smith, Emma L. Comstock.

SECRETARY—Agnes McCaw.

TREASURER—Samuel S. Hale.

YOUNG MEN'S CONGREGATIONAL CLUB.

PRESIDENT—Rev. Samuel Scoville.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Robert D. Eaton.

Polity of this Church.

[Adopted by the Church, June 5, 1879.]

This Church is an independent ecclesiastical body, and in matters of doctrine, order and discipline, is amenable to no other organization. It will, however, extend to and receive from other evangelical Churches that fellowship, advice and assistance which the laws of Christ require. It is now united in especial fellowship with the "Oneida, Cheango and Delaware Association."

Institutions of this Church.

The Regular Sabbath Services, morning and evening.
The Sunday School.
The Regular Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening.
The Preparatory Lecture, Saturday afternoon before Communion.
All of these, except the Sunday School, shall be known as Regular Meetings of the Church.

Ordinances of this Church.

Baptism.
Communion of the Lord's Supper, held the first Sunday of every month, immediately after the morning service.
Infant Baptism, administered at any Sunday morning service, to children when either parent is a member of a Christian Church.

Admission to Membership.

Applicants for Church Membership upon Profession of Faith, must appear before the Church at one of its regular meetings, (usually the second Thursday evening before communion,) for examination upon their faith and practice. If approved, their names must be propounded at some future regular meeting of the Church. The Church shall vote upon the names so propounded, and those accepted shall become

members by publicly assenting to the Articles of Faith, and entering into Covenant with the Church at any subsequent communion.

Applicants for Membership by Letter from other Churches, shall hand their letters to the Church Clerk (or Pastor), and such letters shall be read at any regular meeting of the Church. At any subsequent regular meeting, if not objected to, such applicants may be received by vote of the Church, and shall become members by publicly assenting to the Articles of Faith, and entering into Covenant with the Church at any subsequent communion.

If objection is made, or for any reason it shall seem best, the case of any applicant may be referred to the Church Committee, and such person shall not be admitted to membership except upon the recommendation of said Committee.

Form Used for Admission to the Church.

[The persons about to unite with the Church upon a profession of faith, will take the places in front of the pulpit.]

ADDRESS BY THE PASTOR.

You have separated yourselves from this congregation, dear friends, to perform one of the most momentous, and yet joyful acts of your life. You will never cease to feel the effect of the dedication which you now make. Should you cling affectionately to that Redeemer whom you are now about openly to avouch, you will ever rejoice that you were brought to this hour, but if your soul shall draw back at you shall put Christ to an open shame, this deed and this hour shall be everlasting witnesses against you.

You have been deeply convinced of your personal sinfulness; you have heartily repented thereof; you have believed in the forgiving love of Jesus Christ; you have dedicated your heart and life to Him; that dedication you are about to renew in the presence of God at this congregation. Be not cast down nor fearful. Though we think it meet to admonish you, it is with a calm and cheerful hope that He who in love has called you will never leave nor forsake you until you shall stand in Zion and before God.

You will now listen to our Articles of Faith, and declare if in substance you accept them.

Articles of Faith.

[Adopted March 26, 1857.]

I.—We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who infinitely perfect; the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things.

subsisting incomprehensibly in three Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; the same in substance, and in all Divine attributes, equal.

Deut., vi., 4; I. Cor., viii., 4, 6; I. Thes., i., 9; Jer., x., 10; Col., i., 16; Heb., i., 3; Dan., iv., 34, 35; Matt., iii., 16, 17; do., xxviii., 19; II. Cor., xiii., 14; Isa., ix., 6; John, i., 1, 2, 3; do., v., 23; do., xx., 28; Acts, v., 3, 4.

II.—We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Inspired Word of God, and the only perfect Rule of Faith and Practice.

II. Peter, i., 21; Heb., i., 1, 2; II. Timothy. iii., 16; I. Thes., ii., 13; Isa., viii., 20; Rev., xxii., 18, 19.

III.—We believe that our first parents were created perfectly holy; and by disobedience fell from their holy state; in consequence of which their posterity are by nature entirely sinful.

Gen., i., 26; Eccl., vii., 29; Gen., iii., 6, 7, 8; Ps., li., 5; Gen., vi., 5; Job, xiv., 4; do., xv., 14; Jer., xvii., 9.

IV.—We believe that God the Son became incarnate; by His obedience honored the law, and by His death made atonement for sin; so that all who believe in Him obtain forgiveness, and a sure title to eternal life.

Phil., ii., 5-8; I. Pet., iii., 18; I. Cor., xv., 3; I. John, ii., 2; Isa., liii., 4-6; Rom., v., 19; do., iii., 25, 26; Phil., iii., 9; John, vi., 37; Eph., ii., 8; I. John, i., 9; do., ii., 1; John, iii., 15; do., x., 28; Rom., vi., 23; Acts, xvi., 31.

V.—We believe that God ordereth and worketh all things after the counsel of his own will, yet in consistency with the freedom of the human will and the use of means.

Philip, ii., 12, 13; Rom., ix., 16, 18; II. Tim., i., 9; Eph., i., 4; John, v., 40; Rev., xxii., 17; Mat., vi., 33; do., vii., 7, 8; John, vi., 37.

VI.—We believe that the offer of life is freely made to all mankind; and that such is their opposition of heart to holiness, that none will repent of sin and believe in Christ, except they are renewed by the Holy Ghost, according to the eternal purpose of God.

Mark, xvi., 15, 16; Rev., xxii., 17; Rom., iii., 10-18; Gen., vi., 5; Rom., viii., 7. John, v., 40; Titus, iii., 4, 5; Ps., cx., 3; John, iii., 3; do., vi., 44; Rom., viii., 30; do., ix., 16, 18; do., xi., 6; II. Thes., ii., 13, 14; II. Tim., i., 9; Eph., i., 4-11.

VII.—We believe that all true believers, by watchfulness and prayer, persevere in faith and holiness, being kept by the power of God, through Faith, unto salvation.

I. Peter, i., 5; Phil., i., 6; John x., 28, 29; do., v., 24; Heb., xiii., 5; II. Thes., iii., 3.

VIII.—We believe that the Christian Sabbath is of Divine appointment; and that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Christian ordinances; the latter of which is to be administered to professing believers, and the former to them and their households.

Exod., xx., 8-11; Gen., ii., 3; I. Cor., xvi., 1, 2; Acts, xx., 7; Rev., i., 10; Mat., v., 17, 18; Heb., iv., 9; Mat., xxviii., 19; Col., ii., 11, 12; Luke, xxii., 19, 20; I. Cor., xi., 28; Gen., xvii., 7, 9; Gal., iii., 7-14; Rom., iv., 11, 12; Acts, xvi., 15, 33; I. Cor., i., 16; do., vii., 14; Mark, x., 13-16; Luke, xviii., 15, 16.

IX.—We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all mankind, and a Day of Judgment, when Christ, the Judge, will

sentence the wicked to endless punishment, and receive the righteous to life eternal.

Job, xix., 26, 27; I. Cor., xv., 42-44; Acts, xvii., 31; Mat., xxv., 31; John, v., 27; Mark, iii., 29; do., ix., 44; II. Thes., i., 7-9; Dan., xii., 2; John, v., 1; Rev., xx., 10.

(Thus do you believe ?)

Covenant.

You do now in the presence of the dread majesty of heaven and earth, the Searcher of all hearts, and before His people, solemnly profess to give up yourself to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. You choose Him for your God, your Father, your Saviour, and your Sanctifier. You renounce all ways of sin as what you truly abhor, and choose the service of God as your greatest privilege. You promise, in reliance on Divine Grace, to live soberly, righteously and godly; denying all ungodliness and every worldly lust.

(Thus do you covenant?)

[Ordinance of Baptism, if not previously received, will here be administered.]

Covenant with the Church.

(Here those who unite by letter, will rise in their places.)

You promise and covenant that so long as God in His providence shall permit you to remain among us, to treat the members of the Church with Christian watchfulness and brotherly affection; to attend upon its institutions and ordinances; submit to its discipline; seek prosperity, and endeavor, in all your conduct, to adorn the doctrine of God your Savior, and promote His kingdom in the world.

(Thus do you covenant?)

Covenant on the Part of the Church.

[Members of the Church will here rise.]

We, then, as a Church, do affectionately receive you into our fellowship and communion, and give thanks to God, who, we trust, has inclined your heart to fear his name. We promise to treat you with Christian affection; to watch over you with tenderness; and to offer our prayers to the great Head of the Church, to enable you to fulfill the solemn Covenant which you have now made. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." "Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen!"

Discipline.

STANDING RULE.

[Adopted by the Church, June 5, 1879.]

Before any complaint against a member of this Church can be received or entertained, such complaint must be reduced to writing, and signed by the person making the same. Such complaint must contain brief statement of the charges, and the names of the witnesses by whom the same are expected to be proven. If entertained, a copy of each complaint must be forwarded to the accused, and full time and opportunity given for defence.

In cases of misdemeanor proven, the penalty may be either Private Reproof, Public Admonition, Suspension, or Excommunication. In cases of excommunication, notice thereof must be read from the pulpit at the next succeeding Sabbath.

The Church may withdraw watch-care and fellowship from members, or drop their names from its roll, if from long absence, or any other cause, such course may seem just. Such withdrawal of watch-care and fellowship, or dropping of names, must be upon the recommendation of the Church Committee. Whenever it is possible, due notice shall be given such members, and opportunity afforded them to explain or justify their conduct.

Any act of discipline, to be valid, must receive a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Church, and the member must, if possible, be informed of such action, either by the Clerk, or a Committee appointed for the purpose.

It is expected that members removing from this place will ask for letters of dismission and recommendation within one year, unless for good reasons it may not be advisable. Members who have neglected compliance with this rule for more than *two* years, after due notice given them, their names may be dropped in the manner stated above. They may be restored, by a vote at any regular Church meeting, upon satisfactory explanations.

All applications for letters of dismission and recommendation shall be considered at one meeting, unless by special vote to the contrary.

Any regular meeting of the Church may be resolved into a business meeting.

Meetings of the Church Committee shall be opened by prayer, and the minutes and all other entries by the Church Clerk read, amended and approved.

In all matters not otherwise provided for, the course adopted shall be that commonly followed by Congregational Churches.

Order of Public Worship on the Sabbath.

MORNING.

Organ Voluntary.

Chant by the Choir.

Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"—Old Hundred. Sung by the Choir and Congregation, standing.

Prayer of Invocation. Congregation standing.

Responsive reading of a Psalm.

Chant by the Choir—"The Lord's Prayer."

Reading of Scripture for instruction.

Anthem by the Choir. (Occasional.)

Prayer.

Hymn, Choir and Congregation.

Collecting weekly offerings.

Notices, &c.

Sermon.

Hymn, Choir and Congregation.

Benediction.

Sunday School, 12:20 P. M.

EVENING.

Organ Voluntary.

Anthem by the Choir.

Reading of Scripture for instruction.

Anthem by the Choir, or Hymn by the Choir and Congregation.

Prayer.

Hymn, Choir and Congregation.

Notices, &c.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Hymn, Choir and Congregation.

Benediction.

Chronological List of Members,

PAST AND PRESENT.

Dates at left of names signify time of uniting; P., Profession; L., Letter; dis., dis-
 sessed to other Churches; ab., absent; w. w., watchcare withdrawn; dpd., dropped; res.,
 tored; e., excommunicated; d., died. All others are resident members.

1814.

ne 19—	L.	Tracy Ensworth (Sen.)	dis.	1839
"	L.	Elizabeth Ensworth (Tracy)	dis.	1839
"	L.	John Ambler	dis.	1817
"	L.	Ruth Ambler (John)	dis.	1817
"	L.	Joseph Kelso	d.	1826
"	L.	Esther Kelso (Jos.) (David Buttolph)	d.	1859
"	P.	Elijah Chamberlin	d.	1868
"	L.	Levi Ray (Sen.)	e.	1816
"	P.	Tryphena Ray (Levi)	d.	1865
"	P.	Joseph Seneca Fenton	dis.	1830
"	P.	Sarah Thompson (Brush) Fenton (Joseph S.)	dis.	1830
"	P.	Truman Enos	dis.	1840
"	P.	Lenda (Trall) Enos (Truman)	d.	1815
"	P.	Prudence Dickinson (Josiah)	dis.	1823
"	L.	Elizabeth Snow (Abraham)	d.	1822
"	L.	Bridget Wells (Ephraim)	dis.	1836
"	P.	Hannah (Snow) Randall (John)	d.	1855
"	P.	Adocia Smith (Elisha B., Sen.)	d.	1864
"	P.	Phebe Brewer (— Brewer)	dis.	(unkn.)
"	P.	Betsey Miller	dpd.	1835
"	P.	Polly Bisbee (Friend Thrall) (Fred. Hopkins, Sen.)	d.	1844
ug. 27—	P.	John Munroe (Sen.)	e.	1834
"	P.	Robert Bell, Jr.	d.	(unkn.)
"	L.	Sarah Bell (Robert, Jr.) (Sylvanus Ballou)	dpd.	1839

1815.

ly 1—	L.	Eliel Williams	dis.	1822
"	L.	Amy Williams (Eliel)	dis.	1822
"	P.	Alida Mercereau (— Mercereau)	dis.	(unkn.)
pt. 2—	L.	John Phelps Davis	d.	1832
"	L.	Polly (Brooks) Davis (John P.)	d.	1858
ov. 4—	L.	Polly Hovey (Jesse)	dis.	1823
"	P.	Rachel Bright (David G.)	dis	(unkn.)

1816.

ug. 5—	L.	Elizabeth Gleason (Ezra)	dis.	(unkn.)
ec. 23—	P.	Betsey Parmely (Daniel)	dis.	1817
"	L.	Polly Child (— Child)	d.	1834
"	L.	Elideth Pittsley (Samuel)	dis.	(unkn.)
"	P.	Betsey Steere		

1817.

Jan'y 2—	P.	Harriet Steere (Paton R. Cook).....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Fanny Ray (— McElwin).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Abiel Cady.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Abigail Cady (Abiel).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Loring Fenton.....	d. 1
"	P.	Nehemiah Shumway.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Levi Ray, Jr.....	d. 1
"	P.	Martha Lincoln (Caleb).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Nathaniel Welch.....	d. 1
"	P.	Parmilly Dickinson (J., supposed Jonah).....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Susan Adams (— Hurlburt) (Rufus Adams).....	d. 1
"	P.	Catharine Wells (J. W.).....	w. w. 1
Jan'y 9—	P.	Betsey (Campbell) Enos (Truman).....	d. 1
"	P.	Phebe Munroe (John, Sen.).....	d. (unk)
"	P.	David Buttolph.....	d. 1
"	P.	Caleb Lincoln.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Jeduthan Hitchcock.....	d. 1
"	P.	Samuel Pomeroy.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Job Tyler.....	d. (unk)
"	P.	Jessie R. Hovey.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Anna McCarty.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Cinda Dickinson.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Rachel Antoinette Bright.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Lydia Cutting.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Olive Wattles (Benjamin Perkins).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Ruth Cole.....	d. 1
"	P.	Susan Burlingame.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Lucy Enos.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Sarah Alexander.....	d. 1
"	P.	Parmilla Tyler (— Phillips).....	e. 1
(Unkn.)	L.	Jerusha Rowley (— Rowley).....	d. (unk)
Jan'y 17—	P.	Electa Graves.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Lydia Steere.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Betsey Lyon.....	d. 1
"	P.	Polly Baker.....	d. 1
"	P.	Sally Ann Langley.....	d. 1
"	P.	Mentha (Tuttle) Shumway (Nehemiah).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Abigail (Porter) Pellet (Asa, Sen.).....	d. 1
"	P.	Rhoda Greene (— Greene).....	d. (unk)
"	P.	Abigail Hays (— Hays) (Jesse Greene).....	w. w. 1
"	P.	Daniel Parmilla.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Samuel Hammond.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Henry C. Wright.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Alonzo Welton.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	John Beckwith.....	d. (unk)
"	P.	Dyer Ensforth.....	d. 1
"	P.	George Ray.....	d. 1
"	P.	William P. Glover.....	d. (unk)
"	L.	Sarah Graves (Phineas).....	d. 1
Jan'y 30—	P.	Samuel Bishop.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Polly Bishop (Samuel).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Polly Scott (— Scott).....	dis. 1
"	P.	Josiah Munroe.....	dis. 1
"	P.	Tracy Ensforth, Jr.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Jonathan Scanton.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Sally Lamb.....	dis. (unk)
"	P.	Minerva Lamb.....	dis. (unk)
Feb. 14—	L.	Hannah Twitchell.....	dis. (unk)

April 9—	L.	Mary Wait (— Wait).....	dis.	1822
"	P.	Cynthia Preston (Lucius Patterson).....	d. p.	1839
"	P.	Almira Wales.....	d.	1863
"	P.	Mahitabel Haines.....	dis.	1831
"	P.	Ruth Ambler (2d).....	dis.	1817
Aug. 20—	P.	Almira Mason (Jotham Packer).....	dis.	1836
"	P.	Levi F. Brooks, Jr.....	d.	1852
"	L.	Sally (Davis) Davis (Paul).....	dis.	1835
"	L.	Freelove (Goodsell) Warner (Abner W.).....		
"	L.	Mary Pomeroy (Samuel).....	dis.	(unkn.)
Dec. 9—	L.	William McGeorge.....	dis.	(unkn.)
Dec. 14—	P.	Joseph L. Beebe.....	dis.	1820
"	P.	Sally (Grosvenor) Reynolds (John).....	dis.	(unkn.)
"	P.	Susan Bertha Clark (— Clark) (Levi Ray, Jr.).....	d.	1863
"	P.	Mary Reynolds.....	dis.	(unkn.)
"	P.	Polly Covel.....	dis.	(unkn.)
"	L.	Ruth Calkins (— Calkins).....	dis.	(unkn.)
Dec. 28—	L.	Mrs. Pomeroy (— Pomeroy) (— Prescott).....	dis.	1839

1818.

Aug. 3—	L.	Abigail (Parmelee) Enos (Truman).....	dis.	1840
Aug. 23—	P.	Jane Farr (wid.) (Bela).....	d.	1835
"	P.	Malinda Birdsall.....	dis.	(unkn.)
"	P.	Freelove Guile (Asa Williams).....	dis.	1833
Nov. 8—	P.	Jonas Shepherd.....	dis.	(unkn.)

1819.

Feb. 7—	L.	Abner W. Warner.....	d.	1872
"	L.	Urania Buttolph (David).....	d.	1827

1820.

March 2—	L.	Shephen Bartholomew.....	dis.	(unkn.)
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1821.

July 23—	P.	Rizpah Birdsall (Hon. James).....	d.	1869
"	P.	Rowena (Wales) Mitchell (Dr. Henry, Sen.).....	d.	1835
"	P.	Betsey Steere (Mark).....	d.	1829
July 30—	P.	Calvin Comstock.....	dis.	1822
"	P.	Sarah Comstock (Calvin).....	dis.	1822
Aug. 6—	L.	Esther Keith (— Keith).....	d.	(unkn.)
"	L.	Lydia Platner (— Platner).....	dis.	1830
"	L.	Lucy Keith.....	d.	1864
"	L.	Miriam Keith (Samuel Aldrich).....	d.	(unkn.)

1822.

Feb. 10—	L.	Mary Ann Kennedy (John Boyd).....	dis.	(unkn.)
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1823.

Unkn.)	L.	Phebe Right Pray (Hiram Weller).....	d.	1875
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1824.

Jan'y	L.	Amos Pool.....	dis.	(unkn.)
"	L.	Sarah Pool (Amos).....	dis.	(unkn.)
June 21—	L.	David J. Perry.....	dis.	(unkn.)

[In the years 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828 and 1829, no additions.]

1830.

Mar. 19—	L.	Phebe Webb (Augustus V. H.).....	dis. 18
"	L.	Augustus V. H. Webb.....	dis. 18
"	L.	Rebecca (Morgan) Hughston (James).....	dis. 18
April 4—	L.	Grace Caroline (Brown) Bogue (Rev. H. P.).....	dis. 18
"	L.	Martha Russell (— Russell).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Sarah Pomeroy (Stephen).....	d. (unk)
"	L.	Lucinda H. Williams (Geo. W. Dutton).....	dis. 18
"	L.	Phebe Swartz.....	dis. 18
July 2—	P.	Esther Kelso (2d).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Catharine Dickerman (— Dickerman).....	dis. (unk)
July 4—	L.	Anthony Lamb, Jr.....	dpd. 18
Oct. 8—	P.	George Everest.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Betsey Everest (George).....	dis. 18
"	L.	John Browning.....	e. 18
"	L.	Abigail Browning (John).....	d. 18
(Unkn.)	L.	Sarah (Mead) Hitchcock (Jeduthan).....	d. 18

1831.

Jan'y 2—	P.	Catharine Gilmore.....	d. 18
April 1—	P.	Chloe Warner (Benjamin).....	d. 18
"	P.	Mary Carter (J. W.).....	d. 18
"	L.	Caroline Chapman (Dea. Joseph T. Gilbert).....	dis. 18
July 3—	P.	Anson Chamberlin.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Darius McKibbin.....	e. 18
"	P.	James Hughston.....	dis. 18
"	P.	George A. Jacobs (Sen.).....	d. 18
"	P.	Orrin Carpenter.....	dpd. 18
"	P.	James Bigelow Packer.....	dis. 18
"	P.	John Heady, Jr.....	dis. 18
"	L.	John Carter.....	dis. 18
"	L.	John W. Carter.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Elnora Ann (Adams) Jacobs (George A., Sen.).....	dpd. 18
"	P.	Clarissa (Brown) Hale (Israel).....	d. 18
"	L.	Laura Milner (Thomas, Sen.).....	d. 18
"	P.	Mary Stanton (Mason) Avery (Hubbard B.).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Elvira Urania Hitchcock (Marvin Wicks).....	dis. 18
"	L.	Susanna D. Carter (John).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Dolly (Jones) Simmons (— Simmons).....	d. 18
"	P.	Hannah (Brewster) Wells (Joel Hinckley) (Phineas Wells).....	d. 18
"	L.	Sarah Brooks (Levi, Sen.).....	d. 18
"	P.	Betsey Bishop (Frederick Holmes).....	d. 18
"	P.	Lovena Marsh (Samuel Kingsbury).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Abigail Hitchcock.....	d. 18
"	P.	Ursula G. Wells.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Mary Ann Wells.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Diana Hale (Abijah Pratt).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Cordelia Avery (Dr. Bowen).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Lucia Hinckley (Lambert Beecher).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Mary Ann Hinckley (James Hughston).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Fanny Mariah Hinckley (Rev. Elihu Barber).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Elvira Wood.....	d. before 18
"	P.	Rachel Smith (Isaac McMurdy).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Sally R. Dalbea.....	dpd. 18
"	P.	Amanda Wattles.....	d. 18
"	P.	Elizabeth Dickinson.....	dis. 18
"	P.	Charlena Dickinson (David Maydole).....	dis. 18
"	P.	Mary Holton.....	d. 18

20—P.	Polly Marsh (Samuel W. Williams).....	dis.	1833
"	P. Caroline Lovisa Marsh (Albert W. Bryant).....	dis.	1840
"	P. George Wells.....	dis.	1836
"	P. Roswell Holton.....	dis.	1838
"	P. Peter Fryer.....	dis.	1838
"	P. Ann Fryer (Peter).....	dis.	1847
"	L. Isaac S. Heady.....	e.	1838
"	P. Abigail E. Stackhouse (Thomas).....	e.	1848
"	L. Corydon P. Benton.....	d. pd.	1838

1832.

29—P.	Esther Lathrop (More) Comstock (Abel).....		
"	P. Mary (Bellanny) Guernsey (Peter B., Jr.) (Dr. Henry Mitchell, Sen.).....	dis.	1857
"	P. Anna Wagner (Frederick).....	d.	1847
"	L. Mary Stebbins (Dr — Stebbins).....	dis.	1833
"	P. Catharine Marsh (Robert W. Flagg).....	dis.	1838
31—P.	Sewall Putnam Pierce.....	dis.	1833
"	P. James Kershaw.....	d.	1866
"	P. Benjamin Chapman.....		
"	P. John M. Frazer.....	dis.	1833

1833.

y 4—P.	Lorinda Berry (Ansel).....	d.	1835
y 6—P.	Mary Ann Hitchcock (Rev. Willard M. Hoyt).....	dis.	1849
il 5—L.	Daniel M. Holdridge.....	dis.	1834

1834.

y 3—L.	Roswell R. Avery.....	d.	1871
"	L. Dr. Henry C. Brown.....	dis.	1841
"	L. Rebecca Brown (Dr. Henry C.).....	dis.	1839
"	L. Mary Avery (Roswell R.).....	d.	1843
"	L. Hannah T. Breed (wid.) (— Breed).....	d.	1838
30—L.	Deborah S. (Halbert) Turner (Lester).....	dis.	1836
1—L.	John A. Chapin.....	dis.	1835
5—L.	Jacob Covert.....	d. pd.	1837
"	L. Phebe Ann Covert (Jacob).....	dis.	1837
"	L. Eliza (Dow) Wheeler (Cyrus).....	dis.	1846
"	L. Polly Wells (Ephraim, Jr.).....	dis.	1836
"	L. Charlotte (Miller) Purdy (Alfred).....	dis.	1857

1835.

y 2—P.	Nancy Adams (Eben).....	dis.	1846
"	L. Margary McIntosh (Elder Daniel).....	dis.	1839
"	L. Daniel McIntosh.....	dis.	1839
"	P. Isaac N. Mason.....	dis.	1836
"	P. Lester Turner.....	dis.	1836
"	L. Daniel M. Holdridge.....	dis.	1835
"	P. John F. Dean.....	dis.	1855
"	L. Lydia Shepherdson.....	dis.	1836
"	P. Clarissa Marsh.....	ab.	
"	P. Lovinia Hitchcock.....		
"	P. Catharine Matoon Hinckley (Henry W. Chamberlin) (Ezra B. Barnett).....	dis.	1856
"	P. Betsey Brewster Hinckley.....	dis. (unkn.)	
ch 4—L.	Cynthia Winne (— Winne).....	d.	1842
"	L. Eliza (Winne) Sessions (Rev. John).....	dis.	1843

March 6—	L.	Emma Mason (Isaac N.)	dis.	18
"	P.	Maria Avery	dis.	18
May 3—	L.	Mary Robinson (— Moyer)	dis.	18
"	P.	Henry W. Chamberlin	d.	18
July 5—	P.	Phineas Crumb	dis.	18
"	P.	Francis A. Utter	dis.	18
"	P.	Israel Starks	dis.	18
"	L.	Tracy Ensworth, Jr	dis.	18
"	P.	Lois Crumb (Phineas)	dis.	18
"	P.	Eliza (Hayes) Chapman (Benjamin)		
"	P.	Electa Hayes	d.	18
"	P.	Celestia Whaples (— Morton)	dis.	18
"	P.	Philinda (Enos) Harris (Dr. Harvey)		
Nov. 6—	L.	Loisa Roe (Alanson)	dis.	18
"	L.	Alanson Roe	dis.	18
"	L.	Isaac McMurdy	dis.	18

1836.

Jan'y 24—	L.	Curtis C. Baldwin	dis.	18
"	L.	Isaac S. Baldwin	dis.	18
"	L.	John Heady, Jr	dis.	18
"	L.	Alba M. Baldwin (Isaac S.)	dis.	18
"	L.	Sarah Elenor Brown (S. P. Pierce)	dis.	18
April 10—	L.	Mariah Smalley	dis.	18
"	P.	Gertrude Bennett (Egbert)	dis.	18
"	P.	Jane Kennedy (Jonah Smith)	d. (unkr)	
July 10—	P.	Vannissa Baldwin (Curtis C.)	dis.	18
"	P.	Lucretia Hinkley (Abraham Van Sickle) (Dea. Samuel C. Evarts)	dis.	18
"	P.	Mary Ann Avery (Porter E. Clarke)		
"	P.	Roxalana Child	dis.	18
"	P.	Sarah Mariah Pomeroy	dis.	18
"	P.	Selina Kennedy (Abram F. Foote)	d.	18
Aug. 29—	L.	Susan Burlingame (— Nicholson)	dis.	18
"	L.	Sally Lamb (— Carter)	dis.	18

1837.

Jan'y 8—	P.	Susan Sannicks (col'd) (Jeremiah)	d. (unkr)	
April 7—	Res.	Chloe Warner (Benjamin)	d.	18
July 9—	L.	Sarah Chapman (— Chapman)	dis.	18
"	L.	Catharine Smith	d.	18
"	L.	Betsey Smith	dis.	18
"	L.	Elizabeth Child (Lucius Aldrich)	dis.	18
"	P.	Submit Avery (Col. Stephen L.)	d.	18
"	P.	Abby La Rue (Carl) Bloom (Benjamin)	d. (unkr)	
"	P.	Ann Eliza Norton	dis.	18
"	P.	Betsey Hale (Daniel Tully) (Alanson Hull)	dis.	18
Sept. 25—	L.	Fanny M. (Bement) Kershaw (James)	d.	18
"	L.	Clarissa Bement (Rev. H. H. Winter)	d.	18
Oct'r 7—	L.	Lois Cass (— Cass)	w. w.	18
"	L.	William McMurdy	dis.	18
"	P.	Mercy Scott (— Scott)	dis.	18
"	P.	Jane S. Farr (Samuel Crosby)	dis.	18
"	P.	Isabella Farr	dis.	18
"	P.	Eliza Chapman	dis.	18

1838.

Jan'y 14—	P.	Electa (Carpenter) Heady (John, Jr.)	dis.	18
"	P.	Mary Child (David R. Randall)	dis.	18

1831	8—L.	Rev. William Chittenden.....	d. (unkn.)
1831	"	L. Judah Bement.....	d. 1843
1831	"	P. Cyrus W. Avery.....	dis. 1854
1831	"	P. Darwin Davis.....	
1831	"	L. Polly Wheeler (wid.) (— Wheeler).....	d. (unkn.)
1831	"	L. Margaret Kennedy.....	d. 1861
1831	"	P. Eletha Chittenden.....	dis. 1839
1831	"	P. Lois Child.....	dis. 1878
1831	10—Res.	Betsey (Lyon) Knapp (— Knapp).....	dis. 1838
1831	2—L.	Gertrude Bennett (Egbert).....	dis. 1840
1831	6—L.	Diodema June (— June).....	dis. 1843
1831	8—L.	Isaac Newton Mason.....	dis. 1838
1831	"	L. Emma Mason (Isaac N.).....	dis. 1838
1831	"	P. Emeline Hart (Seth P.).....	dis. 1842
1831	"	P. Mary Baldwin.....	dis. 1839
1831	"	P. Anna Wheeler.....	w. w. 1878
1831	12—L.	Elizabeth A. (Gilbert) Chapman (Nelson C.).....	dis. 1846

1839.

1839	y 13—L.	Augustus Eddy.....	dis. 1840
1839	"	L. Jane Bassett.....	dis. 1839
1839	14—L.	Peletiah Leonard.....	dis. 1840
1839	"	L. Hannah (Ingersoll) Leonard (Peletiah).....	dis. 1840
1839	"	L. Horace Combs.....	dis. 1844
1839	"	L. Clarissa Mariah Dimock.....	dis. 1840
1839	29—L.	Roswell Holton.....	dis. 1839
1839	12—L.	Elvira Urania (Hitchcock) Wicks (Marvin).....	d. 1879
1839	"	L. Louisa (Lewis) Day (Calvin, Sen.).....	d. 1866
1839	13—L.	Dr. Daniel Bellows.....	d. 1866
1839	"	L. Demas Hubbard (Sen.).....	dis. 1840
1839	"	L. Fanny Hubbard (Demas, Sen.).....	dis. 1840
1839	"	P. Eunice (Lee) Brown (Christopher).....	d. 1861
1839	23—L.	Mary Williams (Jairus).....	dis. 1841
1839	"	L. John Hammond (Sen.).....	dis. 1842
1839	"	L. Frelove Hammond (John, Sen.).....	dis. 1842
1839	"	L. Penelope Remington Hammond.....	dis. 1842
1839	11—P.	Julia Ann Hadlock.....	d. 1841
1839	"	P. Elizabeth Kenedy.....	
1839	25—L.	Betsey Everest (George).....	dis. 1842
1839	"	L. Helen M. Everest.....	dis. 1842

1840.

1840	y 10—L.	Nancy Charlotte (Kenedy) Foote (Abram F.).....	dis. 1842
1840	"	L. George Everest.....	dis. 1840
1840	27—L.	Isaac S. Baldwin.....	dis. 1850
1840	"	L. Alba M. Baldwin (Isaac S.).....	dis. 1850
1840	"	L. Mary Elizabeth Baldwin (Ebenezer H. Van Size).....	dis. 1850
1840	29—L.	David Maydole.....	
1840	10—L.	Mary Ann Wakeley (Dr. — Wakeley).....	dis. 1849
1840	"	L. Thomas J. Collins.....	dis. 1845
1840	"	L. Catherine Collins (Thomas J.).....	dis. 1841

1841.

1841	y 8—L.	Isaac Newton Mason.....	dis. 1847
1841	"	L. Emma Mason (Isaac N.).....	dis. 1847
1841	"	P. Corinthia E. Bellamy (John W. Redington).....	dis. 1842
1841	30—L.	Peletiah Leonard.....	dis. 1841
1841	"	L. Hannah (Ingersoll) Leonard (Peletiah).....	dis. 1841
1841	9—L.	Eliza Collins (wid.) (— Collins).....	dis. 1842

July 9—L.	Augustus Eddy	dis.	1847
" L.	J. Henry Gilbert	dis.	1847
" L.	James Maddock	d.	1847
" P.	John W. Redington	dis.	1847
Oct'r 8—L.	Nancy B. King	dis.	1847
Oct'r 25—L.	Mary De Forest	dis.	1847
Nov. 8—L.	Charles W. Babcock	dis.	1847
Dec. 27—L.	Malvinia (Bowen) Pellet (Nelson)		
" L.	Pamelia Foster	d.	1877
" L.	Stephen B. Pomeroy	d. (unkn.	

1842.

July 17—L.	Susan G. Stevens	dis.	1847
" P.	Hannah Almira Hinckley (Odell Gregory)	dis.	1847
Oct'r 14—L.	Almeda Potter (Peter W.)	w. w.	1877
" L.	Julietta Ward	dis.	1847
" L.	Caroline D. (Foote) Mitchell (John)		
Oct'r 31—L.	Catharine Marsh (Robert W. Flagg)	dis.	1847

1843.

Jan'y 6—P.	David L. Buttolph (Rev.)	dis.	1847
Feb'y 28—L.	Hannah Howard (wid.) (Capt. John)	d.	1855
March 2—P.	Cornelia L. (Cushman) Babcock (Charles W.)	dis.	1846

1844.

Feb'y 9—L.	Steuben Rexford	dis.	1847
" L.	William W. Robinson	dis.	1844
" L.	Celestia Whaples (— Morton)	dis.	1847
Mar. 25—L.	Elizabeth Roberts	w. w.	1877
May 3—L.	Harriet Collins (wid.) (— Collins)	dis.	(unkn.)
" L.	Margaret A. Davis (Darwin)	d.	1859
Aug. 11—L.	Teunis Van Size	dis.	1848
" L.	Eunice Van Size (Teunis)	dis.	1848
" P.	Mary Eliza Chapman	d.	1867
" L.	Caroline (Daugherty) Richards (Rev. Wm. M.)	dis.	1846
Nov. 4—L.	William H. Kellogg	dis.	1852

1845.

April 28—L.	John H. Wells	dis.	1846
" L.	Sarah B. Wells (John H.)	dis.	1849
May 8—P.	Jane A. Buttolph	d.	1875
" P.	Mary Ann Johnson	e.	1848
Aug. 10—P.	Susan Elizabeth Jacobs	dis.	1849
Oct'r 28—L.	Delia Tillinghast	dis.	1846
" P.	Sarah Jane (Birdsall) Dillaye (Henry A.)	dis.	1845
Nov. 7—L.	Samuel W. Williams	d.	1868
" L.	Polly (Marsh) Williams (Samuel W.)	dis.	1878
" L.	Sarah L. Jennings (— Jennings)	dis.	1848
" L.	Gertrude G. Jennings (Rev. Charles P.)	dis.	1848
" L.	Abby S. Jennings	dis.	1846

1846.

Feb'y 6—P.	Rizpah Birdsall Hitchcock (Rev. John B. Hoyt, Jr.)	dis.	1846
Mar. 30—P.	Harriet Augusta (Randall) Hewitt (Col. Ezra)		
" P.	Priscilla Elvira (Babcock) Rexford (Benj. F., Esq.)		
" P.	Nancy Leach (A. W. Giles)	dis.	1846
" P.	Jane Leach (Andrew Elliott)	w. w.	1878

30—	P.	Mary Leach (Hiram R. Smith) (Peter S. More)	w. w.	1878
"	P.	Ernestine Strong Randall (Charles P. Freeman)	dis.	1850
"	P.	Rosalinda Strong Hinckley	dis.	1856
"	P.	Julia Ophelia Weller (Jonathan Dickinson)	dis.	1856
"	L.	Ezra Hewitt	d.	1879
"	L.	Chauncey G. Wheeler	d.	1854
7—	L.	Sybel (Brooks) Ward (Samuel)	d.	1848
"	L.	Azuba Ward	dis.	1849
"	L.	Sarah Ward	dis.	1849
"	L.	Mary Ward	dis.	1849
"	L.	Rhoda Ward	dis.	1849
10—	L.	Charlena (Dickinson) Maydole (David)	d.	1848
"	P.	Frederick Hopkins (Sen.)	dpd.	1849
"	P.	Edwin C. Brooks	d.	1877
"	P.	Emma (Blair) Miller (Theodore)	d.	1847
"	P.	Mary Watrous (Pratt) Hale (Nelson B.)	dis.	1847
"	P.	Cynthia Northrup (— Northrup)	dis.	1861
"	P.	Julia Ann Hopkins (Rev. Geo. W. Foster)	d.	1852
31—	L.	Mary Kellogg (Foote) Wait (John, Esq.)	d.	1847
11—	L.	Charles Northrup	dis.	1853
"	L.	J. De Witt Rexford	dis.	1853
"	L.	Cynthia Rexford (J. De Witt)	dis.	1853
"	P.	Sarah Hitchcock	dis.	1853
"	P.	Cornelia Grow Hitchcock	dis.	1853
"	P.	Sarah Jane Hinckley (Edwin H. Sawyer)	dis.	1847
11—	P.	Mary Jane Mason (A. W. Fairbanks)	dis.	1849
"	L.	Julietta Ward	dis.	1849
"	L.	Lucina Ward	dis.	1849

1847.

14—	L.	John G. K. Truair	dis.	1848
"	L.	Hannah Willis (Richardson) Truair (John G. K.)	d.	1848
"	L.	Abigail (Woodruff) Truair (— Stevens) (Rev. John Truair)	dis.	1848
13—	L.	Nelson Brown	w. w.	1878
8—	L.	Nancy Everson (wid.) (— Everson)	dis.	1851
13—	L.	Harriet Clark (Nelson)	dis.	1856
"	L.	Laura Mills Utley (Rufus)	dis.	1858
"	L.	Mary Parker Clark (Rev. Daniel, Jr.)	dis.	1851
"	L.	Emily Murray (Oscar W. Johnson)	dis.	1851

1848.

7—	L.	Elizabeth Child (Lucius Aldrich)	dis.	1848
"	P.	Dr. Henry Mitchell	d.	1856
"	P.	Dr. Horatio K. Bellows	dis.	1848
"	P.	Charles H. A. Carter	dis.	1848
"	P.	Elizabeth B. Carter (Charles H. A.)	dis.	1853
"	P.	Henry M. Hyde	dpd.	1878
"	P.	William De Forest	dis.	1850
"	P.	Charles De Kalb Murray	dis.	1850
"	P.	Ebenezer H. Van Size	dpd.	1878
"	P.	Charles A. Thorp	d.	1873
"	P.	Susan M. (Avery) Thorp (Charles A.)	dis.	1855
"	P.	Sarah S. Thorp (William S. Thomas)	dis.	1851
"	P.	Oscar W. Johnson	ab.	
"	P.	Hiram Chandler Weller	dis.	1848
"	P.	Benjamin S. Miller	d.	1875
"	P.	Julia Esther (Randall) Conkey (Walter M.)	d.	1854
"	P.	Catharine Amanda Teal (Daniel E.)	d.	1854

May 7—	P.	Jane A. Akehurst	dis.	1847
"	P.	Jane Ann Vernet Jacobs	dis.	1847
"	P.	Cornelia C. Avery		
"	P.	Ann Vernet Maydole (Cyrus B. Martin)	dis.	1847
"	P.	Jane Mitchell (Thomas Milner, Jr.)	d.	1847
"	P.	Caroline M. Manning (D. A. Watson)	dis.	1847
"	P.	Harriet A. Williams (Daniel W. Stevenson)	dis.	1847
"	P.	Laura A. Baldwin	dis.	1847
"	L.	Daniel E. Teal	e. (unk)	
"	L.	Egbert Hopkins	dis.	1847
"	L.	Mary Amanda Hopkins (Egbert)	dis.	1847
"	L.	Nancy (Lewis) Bellows (Dr. Daniel)	d.	1847
"	L.	Sally Avery (wid.) (— Avery)	d.	1847
"	L.	Sarah Avery	w. w.	1847
Aug. 13—	P.	Porter E. Clark	e.	1847
"	L.	Mercy Ellis (wid.) (— Ellis)	d.	1847
Nov. 12—	L.	David Barber	dis.	1847
"	L.	Eunice Barber (David)	dis.	1847
"	L.	Diadema June (wid.) (— June)	d.	1847
"	L.	Susan A. Carr (James T. Ensforth)	dis.	1847
"	P.	Mary Almira (Mitchell) Per Lee (Samuel R.)	d.	1847

1849.

Feb'y 11—	P.	Horace G. Prindle	e.	1849
May 13—	L.	John Hammond (Jr.)		
"	L.	Elizabeth (Owen) Hammond (John, Jr.)		
"	P.	Sally (Pease) Leach (Jonas)	d.	1849
"	L.	Theresa H. (Wheeler) Wheeler (Jedediah R., Jr.)	d.	1849
"	L.	Hannah P. Cook (Enoch F.)	dis.	1849
"	L.	Emily Priest	dis.	1849
"	P.	Martha Hopkins (Hiram C. Weller)	ab.	
"	P.	Abby Cordelia Hopkins	dis.	1849
Oct'r 31—	L.	Susan Elizabeth Jacobs	d.	1849
Nov. 11—	P.	Abby Maria (Harris) Hinsdale (wid.) (Chester N.)	d.	1849
		(James H. Pelton)	dis.	1849
"	L.	Clarissa (Pratt) Stillwell (Washington)	dis.	1849
"	L.	Betsey (Smith) Parce (Justus)	ab.	
"	L.	Julia R. Parce (David York)	dis.	1849

1850.

May. 19—	L.	Ashbel R. Rockwell	d.	1850
"	L.	Rebecca (Hoyt) Rockwell (Ashbel R.)	d.	1850
"	L.	Mary L. (Rockwell) Stebbins (E. Winchester)		
"	L.	Elizabeth Child (Lucius Aldrich)	dis.	1850
"	P.	William Davis Hopkins		
Aug. 11—	L.	Nehemiah Shumway	d.	1850
"	L.	Mentha (Tuttle) Shumway (Nehemiah)	d. (unk)	
"	L.	Isabel Sheldon (wid.) (Dr. Ira)	d.	1850
Nov. 10—	L.	Harriet Collins (wid.) (— Collins)	dis.	1850

1851.

Feb'y 9—	P.	James Smith	d.	1851
"	P.	Lydia (Burgess) Smith (James)	d.	1851
"	L.	Jane Mitchell (Thomas Milner, Jr.)	d.	1851
May 10—	L.	Lydia Steere	d.	1851
May 11—	P.	Susan Cordelia (Pabodie) Sherwood (David L.)	dis.	1851
"	L.	Seth S. Beckwith	dis.	1851
"	L.	Hannah Beckwith (Seth S.)	dis.	1851

y 11—	L.	Sarah Elizabeth Beckwith	d.	1851
"	L.	Clarissa (Pratt) Stillwell (Washington)	dis.	1854
"	L.	F. Harriet Atwater (wid.) (— Atwater)	dis.	1856
"	L.	Sarah Ward		
"	L.	Rhoda Ward	d.	1852
"	L.	Jane A. Akehurst	dis.	1854
g. 10—	L.	Nathan E. Beals	d.	1876
"	L.	Abby (Rider) Beals (Nathan E.)		
"	L.	Emeline Walker (John)	w. w.	1878
"	P.	Catharine A. Duryea	dis.	1856
"	L.	Betsey (Smith) Gregg (William T.)	dis.	1862

1852.

y 10—	L.	Phebe Ann Terrell	dis.	1853
"	L.	Isaac Foote (Sen.)	d.	1860
"	L.	Harriet (Hyde) Foote (Isaac, Sen.)	d.	1866
"	L.	Harriet Foote	d.	1866
"	L.	Elizabeth Foote (Lester Turner)		
y 4—	L.	Betsey (Weed) Bush (Rev. Samuel W.)	dis.	1855
g. 9—	L.	Esther Kelso	d.	1858
"	L.	Jane S. Farr (Samuel Crosby)	dis.	1854
"	L.	Elmore D. Squires	d.	1858
"	L.	Lucinda C. Squires (Elmore D.)	d.	1859
"	P.	Cornelia Hamlin (— Hamlin)	dis.	1853
e. 1—	L.	Catharine Marsh (Robert W. Flagg)	dis.	1853

1853.

	P.	Kimball Wood	d.	1868
	P.	Jane G. (Priest) Hyde (Henry M.)	dis.	1853
	L.	Calvin E. Young	d.	1860
	L.	Mary (Scott) Young (Calvin E.) (Edmund Rowe)	dis. about	1860
	L.	Ann Eliza (Phelps) Benedict (— Benedict)	dis.	1873
y 2—	P.	Richard Williams	dis.	1854
	P.	Sophia Aurelia Williams (Charles B. Medbury)	dis.	1871
	P.	Frances Ann Leal (La Fayette)	dis.	1857
	L.	Fanny M. Aldrich (Sanford)	dis.	1858
	P.	Abel Comstock	d. pd.	1878

1854.

	L.	Mrs. St. Amand (Augustus)	w. w.	1878
	L.	Sarah M. Tuthill (George)	d.	1855
	P.	Harriet Mitchell Wait (Rev. N. R. Evarts)	d.	1872
	P.	Mary Esther Comstock (James A. Bull)	d.	1865
	P.	Sarah Parce (Henry A. De Land)	dis.	1862
	P.	Bridget McDonald (George McMonagle)		
	P.	Mary Harper	dis.	1864
	P.	Huldy Leach Kent (William C.)	d.	1858
	P.	Almeda (Wood) Brown (James A.)	w. w.	1878
	L.	Sally (Freeman) Parce (Dwight)	dis.	1867
	L.	Catharine (Camp) Glazier (Van Ness)	dis.	1865
	L.	Betsey Newton (Foote) Wait (John, Esq.)		
	P.	Eliza Esther Weller (Marcus Woodruff)	dis.	1858
	L.	Levi Carruth	d.	1868
	L.	Lucy Carruth (Levi)	d.	1861
	L.	Emily (Sexton) Mills (Samuel John)	ab.	
	L.	M. Caroline Parmelee (Edward H.)	dis.	1876

1855.

	L.	Maria L. (Talcott) Wheeler (Nathan P.)	.....
	L.	Benjamin Hammond	.....	d. 18
	L.	Sarah Hammond	.....	d. 18
	P.	Mary Thorp	.....	dis. (unk)
April 2—	L.	Cyrel George Sumner	.....
“	L.	Julia A. (Gregory) Sumner (Cyrel G.)	.....
	P.	Roxalana Leach	.....	d. 18

1856.

	L.	John Woods	.....	dis. 18
	L.	Sarah A. (Stiles) Woods (John)	.....	d. 18
	L.	Apphia (Dickinson) Noyes (Daniel)	.....	d. 18
	L.	Elizabeth Dickinson (Harmon Wood)	.....	dis. 18
	L.	Mary Avery (wid.) (Hubbard B.)	.....	d. 18
	L.	Isaac S. Newton	.....
	L.	Jane Campbell (Dunlap) Newton (Isaac S.)	.....	d. 18
	L.	Hannah B. (Burkett) Dunlap (Robert)	.....	d. 18
Oct'r —	L.	Hannah Robinson (Thomas Smith)	.....	w. w. 18
	L.	Charles P. Browning	.....	d. 18
	L.	Nancy A. Browning (Charles P.)	.....	d. (unk)
	L.	Margaret A. (Cummins) Doane (Wm. T. Church)	.....
		(Rev. Hiram Doane)	.....	dis. 18
July 6—	L.	Lewis Kingsley	.....	d. 18
“	L.	Julia Abigail (Kingman) Kingsley (Lewis, Esq.)	.....

1857.

Feb'y28—	L.	Anna Vernetta Maydole (Cyrus B. Martin)	.....	dis. 18
	L.	Ada M. (Wheeler) Berry (Ben Gage)	.....
Mar. 29—	P.	Dr. Harvey Harris	.....
“	P.	Andrew Elliott	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Nathan P. Wheeler	.....
“	P.	Willard L. Crozier	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Samuel Arnold Hopkins	.....
“	P.	Ben Gage Berry	.....
“	P.	Sarah Jane Woods (Richard S. Greene)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Mary Ann Woods	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Augustus St. Amand, Jr.	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Georgiana McD. Dunlap	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Jedediah R. Wheeler, Jr.	.....
“	P.	William C. Sexton (Rev.)	.....	ab.
“	L.	Laura Adelaide (Hebbard) Hickok (Hial G.)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Mary Elizabeth Carr (George McNitt)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Sarah Hammond (— Hammond)	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Margaret S. (Bockee) Bellows (Dr. Horatio K.)	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Mary B. Kershaw	.....	d. 18
“	P.	Charles F. Carr	.....	dis. (unk)
“	P.	Maria L. Williams	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Frances A. Rockwell	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Susan Eliza Mills	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Helen S. Mills	.....	ab.
“	P.	William Porter Chapman	.....
“	P.	Delos Gazley	.....	e 18
“	L.	Lydia M. (Van Dyke) Carpenter (Chester W.)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	William T. Gregg	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Albert Gould (Prof.)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Eliza A. (Adams) Gould (Albert)	.....	dis. 18
“	P.	Charles F. Hinckley	.....	dis. 18

ar. 29—	P.	Mary Adeline Williams (Rufus E. Thompson).....	dis. 1878
"	P.	Lucinda Talbert (Charles E. Kingsbury).....	w. w. 1878
"	P.	Albert Beals	dis. 1878
"	P.	Andis S. Hartshorn	d. (unkn.)
"	P.	Jacob S. Bockee	ab.
"	P.	Elizabeth Leach	ab.
"	P.	Harriet Newell (Hill) Gibson (Stephen).....	
"	L.	Mary E. De Forest Crozier (Willard L.).....	dpd. 1878
ril 19—	P.	Betsey Harriet Comstock (Griswold T. Jones).....	dis. 1869
"	P.	Harvey Harris Bloom	d. (unkn.)
"	L.	Azuba Ward	
"	L.	Mary Ward	d. 1873
"	L.	Julietta Ward	d. 1861
ne 6—	L.	Prudence Church (— Church).....	
"	L.	Keziah Gillespie (col'd).....	
pt. 6—	P.	John Carl Bloom	dis. (unkn.)
"	L.	Julia Frances (Foote) Thompson (James G.).....	

1858.

n'y 2—	L.	E. Hubbard Whitney	dis. 1860
"	L.	L. Cornelia Whitney (E. Hubbard).....	dis. 1860
ril 4—	L.	John Heady, (Jr.)	dis. 1877
"	L.	Electa (Carpenter) Heady (John, Jr.).....	dis. 1877
"	P.	Harriet Electa Heady (Dr. Charles A. Church).....	dis. 1863
"	L.	Charles Hopkins	dis. 1871

1859.

n'y 4—	L.	James McCaw	
"	L.	Ann (Armstrong) McCaw (James)	
ril 3—	L.	Truman Enos	d. 1869
"	L.	Abigail (Parmelee) Enos (Truman).....	d. 1862
"	L.	Catharine Matoon (Hinckley) Barnett (Ezra B.).....	ab.
"	L.	Julia S. (Houk) Eggleston (Samuel Z.).....	d. 1862

1860.

ril 1—	L.	Noyes B. Gallup	
"	L.	Mary (Lathrop) Gallup (Noyes B.).....	d. 1875

1861.

L.	Harriet A. (Gridley) Purdy (Edward H.).....	d. 1862
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1862.

n'y 5—	L.	Rev. Samuel Scoville	
"	L.	Harriet E. (Beecher) Scoville (Rev. Samuel).....	
"	P.	Jane Bamber	dpd. 1878
"	P.	Sophia (Maurer) Nagel (George A.)	d. 1876
"	P.	Eva Barbara (Voltz) Stickler (John P.)	d. 1872
"	P.	Mary Eva (Fauth) Nagel (John George)	d. 1879
"	P.	Charles A. Wetmore	d. 1874
ril 6—	P.	William Roswell Curtis	dis. (unkn.)
"	L.	Harriet Elizabeth (Barber) Thurston (Warren).....	
ly 6—	P.	Mary Helena Rexford	ab.
"	P.	Margaret Nagel (August H. Nicolai).....	ab.
"	P.	Mary Evelyn Curtis (William P. Chapman).....	
"	P.	Sarah Lucinda Smith	ab.
"	P.	Samuel Z. Eggleston	dis. 1867

July 6—	P.	Smith Steere (Sen.).....	
"	L.	Olive (Wattles) Perkins (wid.) (Benjamin).....	d. 1
"	P.	Mary A. (Helstern) Halberg (Joseph).....	
"	L.	Harriet Sarah Chapman.....	d. 1
	P.	Lovinia (Hecock) Cadwell (wid.) (Orrin C.).....	

1863.

Jan'y 4—	L.	Mary (Bellamy) Mitchell (Peter B. Guernsey, Jr.) (Dr. Henry Mitchell, Sen.).....	
"	L.	Betsey Birdlebough (E. Smith).....	dis. (unk)
	P.	Daniel Clark.....	d. 18
April 5—	P.	Mary Louise Brown.....	
Aug. 2—	L.	Sewall Putnam Pierce.....	
"	L.	Sarah Elenor (Brown) Pierce (Sewall P.).....	
	P.	William Sutton.....	
	P.	George Adam Nagel.....	
	P.	George Michael Voltz.....	
	P.	Mary Catharine (Nagel) Voltz (George M.).....	
	P.	Eva Margaret (Voltz) Martz (John).....	
	P.	Adelbert Benedict.....	dis. 18
	P.	John W. Church.....	
	P.	Martha A. Woods.....	dis. 18
	P.	Lydia Ann (Wheeler) Newton (Warren).....	
	P.	Electa A. (Kellogg) Porter (Benjamin B.).....	d. 18
	L.	Nancy (Smith) Harris (Gen. Levi).....	d. (unk)
	P.	Malissa (Lincoln) Wetmore (Augustus C.).....	
	P.	Erwin D. Parce.....	ab.
	L.	Frances F. (Franklin) Pendleton (Peleg, 2d.).....	
	P.	Barbara Voltz (Joseph Edward Bickert).....	dis. 18
	P.	Eva Voltz (Martin Schweitzer).....	ab.
Sept. 6—	P.	Hannah M. (Herrick) Tiffany (John M.).....	dis. 18
Nov. 1—	P.	John Wilks Winsor.....	d. 18
"	P.	Harriet (Morse) Winsor (John W.).....	dis. 18

1864.

April 3—	L.	Martha (Flower) Avery (John Clark) (Dr. George W. Avery).....	
June 5—	L.	Christiana Amelia (Foote) Weeden (Samuel H.).....	
	P.	Charlotte C. (Talcott) Milner (Thos., Jr.) (Frank Finch).....	ab.
	P.	Phebe Amelia Weller (Andrew J. Phelps).....	
	L.	William C. Rogers.....	d. 18
	L.	Eliza Martha (Scoville) Rogers (William C.).....	dis. (unk)
	P.	Benjamin Bloom.....	d. 18
	P.	Abby La Rue (Carle) Bloom (Benjamin).....	d. 18
	P.	Rosalie Antenet Bloom.....	d. 18
Oct'r —	L.	Caroline Elizabeth (Foote) Purdy (Edward H.).....	dis. 18
	L.	Mary Jane (Whittington) Porter (William D.).....	

1865.

Jan'y 1—	P.	Jane E. Miner (Julian A. Bradley).....	ab.
	L.	Mary Miranda (Walker) Beals (Albert).....	dis. 18
	P.	Charles Durrant.....	dis. 18
	P.	George A. Clark.....	dis. 18
	P.	Mary Henford.....	d. (unk)
	P.	Frank E. Foster (— Brown).....	dis. 18
	P.	James Raney.....	dis. 18

y 1—	P.	Mary Rebecca (Taylor) Raney (James).....	dis. 1873
	P.	Jane Townsend (wid.) (James W.).....	d. 1878
	P.	Cornelia E. (Maydole) Merritt (Andis S. Harts- horn) (Charles H. Merritt).....	
rch 5—	P.	Lydia (Carpenter) Roe (George W.)	d. 1879
	P.	Maria L. Williamson (— Williamson).....	d. 1878
	P.	Rachel Amelia Comstock (David Shattuck).....	
“	P.	Margaret Parsons Foote (George W. Potter).....	dis. 1877
	P.	Olivia Exania Skinner (Arnold M. Coats).....	w. w. 1878
	P.	Adelaide M. Sackett.....	dis. (unkn.)
“	P.	William Samuel French.....	dis. 1865
	P.	Alfred C. Hartwell.....	d. 1870
	P.	Mary Jane Thompson (Julius C. Kinne).....	w. w. 1878
“	P.	William Prentice Thompson.....	d. 1871
	P.	George C. Eaton.....	dis. 1868
	P.	Benjamin B. Porter.....	ab.
“	P.	Homer B. Van Cott.....	dis. (unkn.)
	P.	Lucinda P. (Wilcox) Smith (wid.) (Col. Elisha B.).....	ab.
	P.	Harriet Pellet Barnes (Winfield Poillon).....	d. 1878
“	P.	Helen D. Burlingame (Herman J. Lewis)	d. 1878
	P.	Eliza Ransford (Graves) Lee (Calvin G.).....	
	P.	Mary Amelia (Graves) Hopkins (Samuel A.).....	
“	P.	Mary E. (Sage) Hopkins (William D.)	
	P.	Addie H. Briggs (Dr. Alvin C. Hazard)	dis. 1873
	P.	Deville J. Fairchild	dis. 1867
“	P.	David Maydole Totman.....	dis. 1870
	P.	Edsel Totman.....	dis. 1869
	P.	John E. Bliven.....	d. 1878
“	P.	Erastus Mead Follett.....	d. 1871
	P.	Harriet M. (Matson) Burrows (George L.) (Jede- diah R. Wheeler, Jr.)	
	P.	Louisa (Bolen) Harkness (Robert)	d. 1877
ril 2—	P.	Fannie A. (Knapp) Hughson (Orra M.)	d. 1872
	P.	Nathaniel Hinckley Chamberlin.....	d. 1878
	P.	Amelia Foote (Henry C. Hall).....	
y 7—	P.	George Henry Spry.....	dis. 1866
	P.	Lora B. McCall.....	ab.
	P.	Lucy (Hayes) Miller (Richard H.)	
“	P.	Lucy Ann (Fiske) Peacock (Charles E.).....	
	P.	Charles Ralph Johnson.....	
	L.	Gertrude Louisa (Dunlap) Johnson (Charles R.).....	
“	L.	Harriet Amelia (Hamlin) Randall (Alonzo).....	
	P.	Isabelle (Ball) Wilkinson (John)	d. 1878
	L.	William D. Porter.....	
y 2—	P.	John M. Tiffany.....	dis. 1872
	P.	William Asbury Brushell.....	dis. 1872
	P.	Harlan Buckland.....	d. 1878
g. 6—	P.	Helen Maria (Avery) Noyes (William P.).....	dis. 1868
	P.	Peter H. Sannicks (col'd)	d. 1878
	P.	Ann (Thompson) Sannicks (col'd) (Peter H.).....	d. 1878
“	P.	Amarintha Elliott Taggart (Carr) Eaton (William).....	
	P.	Harriet Jane Per Lee (William S. Hewitt).....	
	P.	Katharine N. Breed (Romeo W. Lewis).....	dis. 1878
“	P.	Stephen D. Hubbell.....	

1866.

b'y	—P.	Maria Louisa Davis	dis. (unkn.)
	P.	Amelia Jane Bradley.....	
	P.	Ella G. Wescott (Horace P. Breed)	dis. 1878

Feb'y	—P.	Lydia D. Parker	dis.
	P.	Hiram Phelps Grant	
	P.	Minerva L. (Beech) Grant (Hiram P.)	
March 4	—P.	Rebecca Wakely (Harris) Berry (Edwin R.)	dis.
	P.	Horace Steaven Winsor	dis.
April	—P.	Charles Sanford Carpenter	dis.
	P.	Sarah F. (Brown) Miller (T. De Witt)	
	P.	Josephine M. (Wood) Ransford (Hascal, Jr.)	dis.
	P.	Levi Porter Webster	ab.
	L.	Abigail (Freeman) Webster (Levi P.)	d.
	P.	Dwight F. Webster	
	P.	Edmund Webster	dpd.
	P.	Anna Jane Webster	dis.
	P.	Polly Maria (Murray) Reiglein (George Fred.)	
May 6	—P.	Edwin Ruthvin Berry	dis.
	P.	Emma M. Keyes (Frank D. Cadogan)	
	L.	Samuel Isaac Foote	
	P.	David Eccleston	d.
	L.	Mary Emerancia (Fairchild) Eldredge (Ahira E.)	dis. (ul
July 1	—P.	Ellen Augusta Hale (William Breese)	
"	P.	Mary Eliza Hale (Charles A. Barnard)	
	P.	Ella Keyes	
	P.	Ada Wheeler (Chauncey C. Edson)	d.
	L.	Lydia (Prentice) Keyes (wid.) (Lorenzo D.)	
	P.	Amelia E. (Burwell) Russell (wid.) (Josep. Henry)	
	P.	Christina Voltz (George Obenauer)	
	L.	Martha (Baldwin) Babcock (Elias)	ab.
	L.	Edwin Smith	
	L.	Phebe Dayton (Shaw) Smith (Edwin)	
	L.	Charles Lester Turner	
	L.	Julia Alice (Bennett) Turner (Charles L.)	
	L.	Sarah Ann (Sherwood) Bennett (James C.)	
	L.	Delietta B. Bennett (Daniel E. Comstock)	

1867.

Jan'y 6	—L.	Elizabeth M. (Roberts) Mitchell (Dr. Henry, Jr.)	dis. 18
May	—L.	Emmet G. Fairchild	dis. 18
May 5	—P.	Clara P. Noyes	
	P.	Martha J. Blair (Alphonso Converse)	d. 18
	L.	Lester Turner	
	L.	Deborah S. (Halbert) Turner (Lester)	d. 18
	L.	Maria (Symonds) Stratton (William F.)	
	L.	Charlotte Stratton	
	L.	Amelia A. (Merrill) Rice (Reuben W. Rice) (Geo. W. Rice)	
	P.	Lydia (Gould) McCollum (Daniel)	d. 18
	P.	Anna Clark (George H. Riley)	
	L.	Benjamin B. Blake	dis. (unk)
	L.	Isabel Blake (Benjamin B.)	dis. (unk)
	L.	Andrew P. Blake	dis. (unk)
	P.	Sarah Jane Blake (Andrew P.)	dis. (unk)
July 3	—L.	John W. Redington	
"	L.	Corinthia E. (Bellamy) Redington (John W.)	d. 18
July 7	—P.	Laura Augusta Redington (Samuel I. Foote)	
	P.	Julia C. Redington (Gerard S. Mead)	dis. 18
	P.	Julia A. Wicks (Charles S. Moore)	
	L.	Joseph Dixon Avery	dis. (unk)
	L.	Fannie O. Avery (Joseph Dixon)	dis. (unk)
	L.	Sylvester Cornwell	
	L.	Mary Elizabeth (Miner) Cornwell (Sylvester)	
	L.	Mary Elizabeth Cornwell	

1868.

arch 1—	L.	Mary (Bushnell) Reed (William E.)	.....
"	L.	Amelia Guyser (— Guyser)	.....	dis. 1873
"	P.	Abby Josephine Woods	.....	dis. 1876
	L.	Ursula (Eccleston) Simmons (Erastus R. Johnson) (George Simmons)	.....	ab.
	P.	George McMonagle	.....
	L.	Maria Louisa Davis	.....	d. 1874
"	P.	Charles Henry Woods	.....	ab.
	L.	Sarah (Reed) Martin (Charles)	.....	d. 1869
	L.	Fannie Cornelia Makepeace	.....
pt. 6—	P.	Sarah Augusta Keyes (Rev. O. D. Taylor,)	.....	dis. 1877
ov. —	P.	Sarah Jane (Byington) Collins (Charles A.)	.....

1869.

arch 7—	P.	Helen (Davis) Able (James A.)	.....	d. 1870
"	P.	George B. Jacobs	.....	dis. (unkn.)
"	P.	Robena R. Jacobs (George B.)	.....	dis. (unkn.)
"	L.	Sarissa (Talcott) Cleveland (Smith A.)	.....	dis. 1872
"	P.	Emma Louise Comstock	.....
ar. 15—	L.	Edwin Ruthvin Berry	.....	d. 1870
"	L.	Rebecca Wakely (Harris) Berry (Edwin R.)	.....
ay 2—	L.	Harriet H. Russell (Charles)	.....	dis. 1874
"	L.	Elizabeth Packer (Pendleton) Stanton (Robert A., Esq.)	.....
pt. 5—	L.	Rachel Amelia (Northrup) Barber (Benjamin, Jr.)	.....
"		Elenor (Marion) Weed (— Weed)	.....	dpd. 1878

1870.

arch 6—	L.	Elizabeth Miller	.....	dis. 1870
"	P.	George Henry Graves	.....
"	L.	Sarah Jane (Dexter) Graves (George H.)	.....
"	P.	Ann (Lee) Bushnell (Albert, Sen.)	.....	dis. 1870
"	L.	Henry Mills Bradley	.....	ab.
"	L.	Mary (Scott) Young (wid.) (Calvin E. Young) (Edmund Rowe)	.....	ab.
ay 1—	P.	Thomas J. Haskell	.....
"	P.	Louisa A. (Smith) Haskell (Thomas J.)	.....
"	P.	Joanna J. Royce (William Rock)	.....	dis. 1872
"	P.	Mary Ann McCaw	.....
"	P.	Agnes McCaw	.....
"	P.	Amy E. (Skinner) Matthewson (— Matthewson)	.....
"	P.	Helen L. (French) Chapin (Seth)	.....
"	P.	Alvy Morton	.....
"	P.	Electa (Wheaton) Morton (Alvy)	.....
"	P.	William J. Thurston	.....	dis. 1872
"	P.	Harriet A. (Hunt) Thurston (William J.)	.....	dis. 1872
"	P.	Orra Hughson Clark	.....	d. 1872
"	P.	Elsina (Hubbard) Page (George M.)	.....	ab.
"	P.	Laurinda A. Page	.....	ab.
"	P.	Malona Araminta (Thurston) Graves (Edwin L.)	.....
"	L.	George W. Conde	.....	dis. 1872
"	L.	Martha (Starke) Conde (George W.)	.....	dis. 1872
"	L.	Nancy (Avery) Eccleston (Ransom)	.....	dis. 1875
uly 3—	L.	Harriet A. (Fox) Eldridge (Aden D.)	.....	dis. 1877
"	L.	Elizabeth Freeman (John W. Wait)	.....	dis. 1875
ov. 6—	L.	Mary Electa (Stowell) Young (Asher B.)	.....
"	P.	Dr. Daniel J. Mosher	.....
"	P.	Agnes Armstrong	.....

1871.

	P.	Lois Butler Newton (Hugh H. Scott)	dis.	1878
	P.	Laura Parmalee (A. J. Deal)	dis.	1877
	P.	Jane (Newton) Newton (Isaac S., Esq.)		
March 5—	P.	Charity Akin (Tobey) Reynolds (Hiram A.)	ab.	
	L.	Lemuel Lewis	dis.	1872
	L.	Eliza (Tubbs) Lewis (Lemuel)	dis.	1872
	L.	Sarah E. Lewis	dis.	1872
	P.	Mary Isabella Porter (Martin L. Dalton)		
	L.	Samuel P. Allen	dis.	1874
	L.	Harriette C. (Stanley) Allen (Samuel P.)	dis.	1874
	L.	Emily Louise Allen	dis.	1874
	L.	Mary Percival Allen	dis.	1874
May 7—	L.	Anna Maria (Beardsley) Bradley (Henry M.)	ab.	

1872.

Jan'y 7—	L.	Jane A. (Miller) Andrews (Dr. E. C.)		
"	L.	Lewis W. Curtis		
"	P.	Mary E. (Smith) Curtis (Lewis W.)		
"	P.	George Obenauer		
March 3—	P.	A. Augusta Bennett (John J. Van Allen)	ab.	
"	P.	Howard K. Bennett		
"	P.	Charles Benjamin Chapman		
"	P.	Frank L. Crandall	dis.	1877
"	L.	Eliza Littlewood (— Littlewood)	dis.	1873
"	P.	Ida Angelia Matthewson (Charles G. Brown)		
"	P.	Warren Newton		
"	P.	Catharine Obenauer (George J. Kuhn)	dis.	1878
"	P.	Grace Bowen Pellet (John P. Hall)		
"	P.	Mary Kathleen Purdy (Charles F. Hall)	ab.	
"	P.	Cora O. Thurston	dis.	1872
"	P.	Harriet A. Thurston	dis.	1872
"	P.	Warren Thurston		
"	P.	Edward Foote Wait		
"	P.	Edith A. Warner		
"	P.	Sarah J. (Warner) Warner (Charles)		
Mar. 30—	L.	John Henry Gould, Jr.	ab.	
April 7—	P.	Harriet Blair Brown	dis.	1874
"	P.	George Eugene Burrows	ab.	
"	P.	Artheda S. Campbell	ab.	
"	P.	Stephen Gibson, Jr.	d.	1875
"	P.	Hannah Mary (Bowen) Harris (George A.)		
"	P.	Robert Harkness		
"	P.	Clarissa Harlow (Hale) Holmes (wid.) (John T.)	d.	1875
"	P.	William Snow Hewitt	d.	1878
"	P.	Lewis Jackson Kingsley		
"	P.	Sarah P. (Sisson) Leach (Chauncey H.)		
"	P.	George Letterman	ab.	
"	P.	Catharine (Klee) Letterman (George)	ab.	
"	P.	Genevieve Little		
"	P.	Théodore De Witt Miller		
"	P.	Caroline Lena Nagel		
"	P.	Leonora (Fleming) Newton (Revillo G.)		
"	P.	Howard Dunlap Newton	dis.	1874
"	P.	Ellen Genette (Hale) Noyes (Thomas J.)		
"	P.	Lucy Elzina Page (Henrie L. Crumb)	ab.	
"	P.	William Edmund Reed		
"	P.	Orlando M. Record	dis.	1876
"	P.	Emily (Teft) Record (Orlando M.)	dis.	1876

- 7—P. George Washington Roe ab.
 P. Julia Conkey Smith (John R. Smith) ab.
 P. Maria Elizabeth Smith
 P. William Stevenson, Jr. ab.
 P. Martha A. (Terrill) Sumner (George W.)
 P. Mary Ann Sutton
 P. Samuel Hull Weeden
 P. Annetta Louisa Wheeler
 1—P. Annis A. (Waters) Brooke (De Witt C.)
 P. Mary (Hammond) Houk (Ezra W.)

1873.

- 5—P. Margaret Merick Foote
 P. Bertha Mallis dis. 1874
 P. Minnie B. Kemp (George B.) dis. 1876
 L. Mary Jerusha (Merick) Foote (Isaac, Jr.) d. 1874
 L. Martin Luther Dalton
 4—P. Evelyn Mary Fisher
 L. Hiram L. Ward dis. 1877
 L. Sarah E. (Beckwith) Ward (John Snow) (H. L. Ward) dis. 1877
 L. Edward D. Curtis dis. 1875
 6—L. Isabella (Jamieson) Cowan (wid.) (John)
 L. Laura Adelaide (Hebbard) Hickok (Hial G.)
 L. Thomas S. Jones dis. 1874
 L. Mary Jones (Thomas) dis. 1874
 L. Julia A. (Bussing) Thompson (Horatio N.) dis. 1875

1874.

- 4—L. Sarah Abigail (Minor) Franklin (wid.) (Calvin)
 P. Jacob Stickler d. 1874
 1—P. Sophia Margaret Martz
 L. Emma A. (Wilson) Thompson (Bodwell L.)
 130—L. Mary (Frazier) Mathews (— Burns) (Gamaliel W. Mathews) (Oliver Cole) dis. 1876
 3—P. Pruella (Barber) Sherman (Albert A.) dis. 1878
 31—L. Mary (Rankin) McLean (Martin) dpd. 1878

1875.

- 3—P. Edward Chapman Douglas ab.
 L. Joanna Holmes
 L. Robert Taylor dis. 1875
 L. Daniel Alling Rexford ab.
 7—P. Elizabeth Maria (Parish) Smith (Walter W. Bonney) (Cornelius A. Smith)
 P. Annie McDonald (Donald)
 P. William James McCaw
 P. Lewis Graves
 P. Elmer Milton Matthewson
 P. Frank Osbert Graves
 P. Charles Ansel Berry
 P. Revillo Gooding Newton
 P. Charles Heady
 P. Laura A. (Barker) Heady (Charles)
 P. William H. Makepeace
 P. Hattie M. (Barker) Makepeace (William H.)
 P. Lucretia Jane Shiffer
 P. Nettie Clarissa (Pike) Mitchell (Frederick)

March 7—	P.	Mattie Ingersoll Scoville	dis.
"	P.	Mary Elizabeth Carr	
"	P.	Mary Malinda Henry	
"	P.	Anna Jenette Henry	
"	P.	Teresa Maria (Mullen) Cowan (Elijah A.)	dis.
"	P.	Thomas Benton Lewis	ab.
"	P.	Henry Judson Winsor	
"	P.	Celinda E. (Hunt) Winsor (Henry J.)	
"	P.	Darwin Totman	
"	P.	Lewis Alvan Graves	
"	P.	Lillian Lavina Pendleton	
"	P.	Harriet Beecher Scoville	
"	P.	Annie Howard Scoville	
"	P.	Phebe J. (Ackley) Crain (Van Buren)	
"	P.	William Weems Porter	
"	P.	Isaac Burkett Newton	
"	P.	John Francis Richmond	ab.
"	P.	Anna Marinda (Corl) Richmond (John F.)	ab.
"	P.	Almira Freeman	ab.
"	P.	William Sprague Kellogg	ab.
"	P.	Robert Denison Eaton	
"	P.	Levi Randall Gibson	
"	P.	Mary Harkness	
"	L.	Mrs. — Drake (Daniel W.)	ab.
"	P.	Frank L. Winsor	
Mar. 25—	L.	Frank A. Brown	
"	L.	Margaret Wilber (Ralph)	
May 2—	P.	Andrew Gigglesman	ab.
"	P.	Adelia Celestia Wells (Franklin Deuane Parce)	
"	P.	Ida Emogene Chapin	
"	P.	Leonard Mike Heinlein	ab.
"	P.	Mary Barbrice (Reiglein) Henlein (Leonard M.)	ab.
"	P.	Barbrice Heinlein	ab.
"	P.	Libbie E. Weiler	d.
"	P.	George W. Marvin	
"	P.	Harriet Elizabeth (Redway) Marvin (— Wade) (Geo. W. Marvin)	
"	P.	Harriet (Lovell) Davis (Darwin)	
"	P.	Francis Mary (Davis) Morse (Enos C.)	dis.
June 3—	L.	Francis E. Bowers	ab.
Aug. 29—	L.	Elizabeth (Dickinson) Allis (Harmon Wood) (Stolham Allis)	d.

1876.

Jan'y 13—	L.	Jane C. Bradner (wid.) (— Bradner)	
"	L.	Charlotte A. (Bradner) Bellows (Dr. Horatio K.)	
"	L.	Homer B. Van Cott	
Feb'y 27—	L.	Charles Henry Stanton	
March 9—	L.	Jane B. Mackie (John F.)	ab.
Mar. 12—	P.	John F. Mackie	ab.
"	L.	William B. Stoddard	
"	P.	Sarah E. (Beech) Stoddard (William B.)	
"	P.	Eber Barker	
"	P.	Jennie Elizabeth (Davis) Packer (William K.)	
April 1—	L.	Sarah Francelia (Dibble) Dibble (Charles H.)	
April 2—	P.	Jennie Steere Bellows	
June 11—	P.	Edward R. Waite	
"	P.	Merton Harry Donegan	ab.
"	P.	John J. Redington	ab.
"	P.	John R. Smith	ab.

ne 11—P.	Dr. George W. Avery	
“ P.	Catharine Mary Nagel	
“ P.	Hugh H. Scott	dis. 1878
“ P.	Cornelius A. Smith	
“ P.	Ella Elizabeth Harwood	ab.
“ P.	Mary Rebecca Wetmore	d. 1877
“ P.	Alice L. Turner	
“ P.	George William Nagel	
“ P.	Frank P. Waters	
“ P.	Samuel S. Hale	
“ P.	Mary Dunlap	d. 1876
“ P.	Emma Harriet Halberg	
“ P.	Jennie Mitchell (Milner) Smith (wid.) (Frank Howard)	
“ P.	Eva Augusta Barnes	
“ P.	Charles William Herbert Franklin	
“ P.	Jane Owens Donegan	
“ P.	Charles Sylvanus Waters	dis. 1878
“ P.	Ellen P. (Brown) Gilbert (Abner Martin)	
“ P.	Hannah Carr	
“ P.	Margaret Anna McMonagle	
“ P.	Mary Isabel McMonagle	
“ P.	Alice M. Hull	
“ P.	Hannah Fidelia Cornwell	
“ P.	Helen Elizabeth Grant	
“ P.	Anna F. Van Cott (Homer B.)	
“ P.	Charles Hull Weeden	
“ P.	Frederick Hyde Foote	
“ P.	John G. Clark	
“ P.	Kittie G. Clark (John G.)	
“ P.	Anna Margaratha (Maurer) House (George Joseph)	
“ P.	Theodore Constandin Lewis Moeller	
“ P.	Stewart C. Nelson	
“ P.	Carrie Kellogg	
“ P.	Hiram David Hughson	
“ L.	Minerva F. Adams	ab.
“ L.	Alice Mary Adams	ab.
“ L.	Albert Gideon Wetmore	
y 9—P.	Dr. Charles M. Purdy	
“ P.	Charles Augustus Barnard	
“ P.	Agnes (Windeck) Weiler (wid.) (William)	
“ P.	Delia M. (Denslow) Marsh (Hamilton, Jr.)	
“ P.	Frances Louisa (Randall) Latham (Joseph H.)	
“ P.	George W. Rorapaugh	
“ P.	Ann Eliza (Brown) Rorapaugh (George W.)	
“ P.	Margaret Ann (Shiffer) Stratton (Whitman)	
pt. 3—L.	Ann (Lee) Bushnell (wid.) (Albert, Sen.)	
v. 5—P.	Amelia (Carl) Larson (Lars Gustaf)	
c. 3—P.	Mary Alice Ketchum (Frank Osbert Graves)	
1877.		
y 7—L.	Mary Louise (Morrow) Hall (Charles M.)	
“ P.	Mary Madelia (Hartshorn) Campbell (Reed)	
“ P.	Edith Frances Manning	dis. 1879
rch 3—L.	Addie Helen (Reed) Benway (James K.)	ab.
rch 4—P.	Norman Squires	
“ P.	Martha Mariah (Edgerton) Squires (Norman)	
“ L.	Carrie Alice Brown	
ril 1—P.	Janet Mackie	ab.

May	6—L.	Catharine Jane Finch (Arthur W. Bosworth).....	
	" P.	Eliza (Corbett) Nelson (John).....	
	" P.	Josephine F. (Weiler) Dibble (Edgar M.).....	
	" P.	Thomas Sherman.....	
June	3—L.	Helen (Crafts) Dibble (Nehemiah).....	
July	1—L.	John M. Tiffany.....	
	" L.	Hannah M. (Herrick) Tiffany (John M.)	
Sept.	27—L.	Mary Gertrude Beech (Davis Morse).....	ab.
	" L.	Helen Maria Beech (Andrew S. Seelye).....	ab.
Oct'r	6—L.	Frances Adelaid Kellogg.....	
Nov	3—L.	Ann Vernetta (Maydole) Martin (Cyrus B.).....	

1878.

Jan'y	6—L.	Julia C. (Redington) Mead (Gerard S.).....	dis. 1
Feb'y	3—P.	Lucy (Dexter) Winsor (Wellington O.).....	
March	3—L.	Bertha Malles	
	" P.	Maggie (McDonald) Cook (Daniel B.).....	
	" L.	Frances P. (Brooks) Sproul (Martin B.).....	
April	6—L.	Harriet (Morse) Winsor (wid.) (John W.).....	
	" L.	Horace Steaven Winsor.....	
May	5—P.	William Gregory Sumner.....	
June	2—P.	Christiana Zoerb (John Zieman).....	ab.

1879.

Jan'y	5—P.	Clara Adele (Sargent) Guile (Henry C.).....	
April	6—P.	Frederick Tompkins Treadwell.....	
	" L.	Flora Marissa Ellis	
May	4—P.	Mary Elizabeth (Ellis) Christman (William H.).....	
	" P.	William Porter Douglas	
	" P.	Ida Mariah Squires.....	
	" P.	Morell Squires.....	
May	22—L.	Charles Sylvenus Waters.....	
June	1—P.	Jane Campbell Newton.....	
	" P.	Cornelia Merritt Martin.....	
June	5—L.	Polly (Marsh) Williams (wid.) (Dea. Samuel W.).....	

Baptism of Infants and Children.

ADDRESS BY THE PASTOR.

We in this Church believe in Baptism.

We believe that it is a symbol of that cleansing from all sin which we receive from Jesus Christ our Lord; of the separation from an un-believing world; and of a consecration unto God in a life of holiness and love.

We believe that, because of the truths it proclaims, because of the spirit of obedience that it calls into exercise, and because of God's gracious promises resting upon its faithful performance, that this ordinance becomes a means of grace to the Church that employs it, and to those who receive it.

We believe that it belongs to all true believers in Jesus Christ, and their children as being included with them in the covenant of promise, the children receiving it through the faith of the parents (or parents), in which faith they rest, until they shall attain to such age and experience as shall enable them to endorse it for themselves by an open public profession.

For all this we think we have clear scriptural warrant.

So believing, christian parents (a christian parent) wish to bring their child to receive this sacrament; and so believing we as a Church receive them gladly in this service, and promise to join our prayers and helpfulness with theirs, that this child may receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and, reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, may by a well ordered and obedient life adorn the doctrine of God our Father, and be received to Heaven at last.

The Baptismal Chant will now be sung. At the close of the singing the child will be brought forward. The Church will rise and remain standing during the ceremony and the prayer that follows.]

Infants and Children Baptized.

Sunday, June 19, 1814, after the services of the organization were finished, nineteen children were baptized by Mr. Benedict, of whom only the following are known:

1814.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
June 19—	Philinda.....	Truman and Linda Enos.
"	William Matthew.....	Joseph S. and Sarah T. Fenton.
"	Sarah Frances	" "
"	Lovinia Bigelow.....	" "
"	Julia Isabella.....	" "
"	Elisha B.	Judge Elisha and Adocia Smith.
"	Rachel	" "
"	Dyer.....	Tracy and Elizabeth Ensworth.
"	Tracy, Jr.	" "

The following children were baptized previous to January 1, 1814. No records had been kept until that time. These names were gathered by Rev. John Sessions, in conversation with the old members, many of whom were alive when he was pastor, 1835-1842. No dates were given, and the list is no doubt very incomplete, but it is the only one now known to exist.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
	John S.	Jane, wife of Bela Farr.
	Eliza Ann	" "
	Bela.....	" "
	Isabella	" "
	Andelusia, (dead).....	" "
	Andelusia	" "
	Cornelia M.	" "
	Elvira Urania.....	Jeduthan and Sarah M. Hitchcock.
	Mary Ann.....	" "
	Lovinia	" "
	Sarah	" "
	Rizpah Birdsall.....	" "
	Mary Ann.....	Hannah B., wife of Joel Hinckley.
	Fanny.....	" "
	Lucia	" "

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
	Charles H.	Rowena W., wife of Dr. Henry Mitch-
	Julia Maria.	" " " [ell, Sen.
	Harriet Betsey.	" " "
	John.	" " "
	Mary Almira.	" " "
	Thomas E.	Hannah, wife of Abraham Stackhouse.
	Mary E.	" " "
	John Russell.	Peter and Ann Fryer.
	Clark, (about 1818).	Abner W. and Freelope G. Warner.
	Charles H. (after 1818)	Levi, Jr., and Susan B. Ray.
	Charles B.	Adocia W., wid. of Judge Elisha Smith.
	Andrew B.	" " "
	Frederick H.	Stephen B. and Sarah Pomeroy.
	Sarah Maria.	" " "
	Frederick B.	Polly B., wife of Fred'k Hopkins, Sen.
	Mary C.	" " "
	Sarah J.	" " "
	Julia Ann.	" " "
	Martha.	" " "
	Julia.	Dea. Levi F. and Sarah Brooks.
	Sarah Ann.	" " "
	William H.	" " "
	Levi F., Jr.	" " "

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1831.

July 3—	Susan Elizabeth.	George A. and Elnora A. A. Jacobs.
"	Cornelia Grow.	Jeduthan and Sarah M. Hitchcock.
"	Betsey Brewster.	* Hannah B., widow of Joel Hinckley.
"	Catharine Matson.	" " "
"	Hannah Almira.	" " "
"	Rosalinda Strong.	" " "
"	Sarah Jane.	" " "
"	Ann Eliza.	John W. and Mary Carter.
"	Pamelia.	" " "
"	Henry Waterman.	" " "
"	Ellen Genette.	Clarissa B., wife of Israel Hale.
"	Joseph De Wittan.	" " "
"	Charles.	Abner W. and Freelope G. Warner.

1832.

June 29—	Thomas.	Hannah, wife of Abraham Stackhouse.
"	Eliza.	" " "
Oct'r 5—	Avery Oschar.	James and Rebecca M. Hughston.
"	William Bellamy.	Mary B., wife of Peter B. Guernsey, Jr.
"	William Harvey.	Augustus V. H. and Phebe Webb.
"	Mary.	John W. and Mary Carter.
"	George Franklin.	Levi Ray, Jr.
"	Sarah Augusta.	Peter and Ann Fryer.
"	Helen.	Mr. Stebbins. (His name not in record.)
"	Calvin Waldo.	" " "

1833.

July 5—	Mary Eliza.	Benjamin Chapman.
"	William.	Chloe, wife of Benjamin Warner.
"	Mary.	" " "
July 28—	Horace Payson.	Rev. H. P. Bogue.
Oct'r 4—	Ann Maria.	Peter and Ann Fryer.

* She was at this time also widow of Phineas Wells.

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1835.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
Jan'y 4—	Wright Baldwin	Corydon P. Benton.
March 6—	Jane Ann Vernette	George A. and Elnora A. A. Jacobs
"	Mary Jane	Isaac N. and Emma Mason.
"	Edwin Ruthvin	Lorinda, wife of Ansel Berry.
"	Ben Gage	" "
"	George Benjamin	H., wife of Thomas Stackhouse.
"	Harriet Letitia	" "
"	Stephen Franklin	Stephen B., and Sarah Pomeroy.
"	Mary Elizabeth	" "
Mar. 15—	Jane	Rowena W., wife of Dr. Henry Mitchell, Sen.
July 5—	Horace	John W. and Mary Carter.
Oct'r 25—	Harriet Newell	Peter and Ann Fryer.

1836.

April 8—	Edward Cathcart	Rev. John and Eliza W. Sessions.
Oct'r 8—	William Hayes	Benjamin and Eliza H. Chapman.
"	John Sessions	Stephen B. and Sarah Pomeroy.
"	Emily	Charlotte M., wife of Alfred Purdy
Oct'r 9—	Ellen	Jacob and Phebe Ann Covert.
"	John	" "
Nov. 20—	Jennett	Daniel and Margary McIntosh.

1837.

Jan'y 8—	Amanda Malvina	Gertrude, wife of Egbert Bennett.
"	Royal Watson	" "
"	Ransom	" "
"	Closs	Susan, wife of Jeremi'h Sannick, (col)
"	Richard	" "
July 7—	Emma Elizabeth	Polly, wife of Fred'k Hopkins, Sen
"	Abby Cordelia	" " "
"	Samuel Arnold	" " "
"	William Davis	" " "
"	Harriet Angeline	" " "
July 9—	Mary Ann	Dr. Henry C. and Rebecca Brown.
"	Mary Esther	Esther M., wife of Abel Comstock.

1838.

Jan'y 12—	Julia Ophelia	Phebe P. R., wife of Hiram Weller.
"	Charles	" " "
"	John Williston	" " "
"	Eliza Esther	" " "
Jan'y 14—	George	Mary B., wife of Dr. Henry Mitchell, Sen.
April 6—	Vashti Virginia	George A. and Elnora A. A. Jacobs
April 7—	Abby Maria	Philinda E., wife of Dr. Harvey Har
"	Hannah Augusta	" " "
"	Harvey Ransford	" " "
"	George Alexander	" " "
June —	Helen Eliza	Rev. John and Eliza W. Sessions.
Aug. 9—	Emma	Peter and Ann Fryer.
Aug. 26—	Julia	Eben and Nancy Adams.
"	Nancy	" " "
"	Charles Davis	" " "
Dec. 16—	Henry	John and Electa C. Heady.

1839.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
May 2—	Angeline	Dea. Levi and Sarah Brooks.
April 14—	Eugene	Emeline, wife of Seth P. Hart.
"	Thomas	" "
"	Emily	" "
"	Esther	" "
pt. 15—	Harvey Harris	Abby La Rue C., wife of Benj. Bloom.
tr 11—	Joseph Gilbert	Elizabeth, wife of Nelson Chapman.

1840.

April 10—	John Miller	Charlotte M., wife of Alfred Purdy.
April 12—	Betsey Harriet	Esther M., wife of Abel Comstock.
April 18—	Hannah Augusta	Caroline L. M., wife of Albert W. Bryant.
ly 8—	Phebe Amelia	Phebe Pray R., wife of Hiram Weller.
ly 12—	Clarissa Angeline	Caroline L. M., wife of Albert W. Bryant.
tr 10—	Henry	Emeline, wife of Seth P. Hart.
"	Henry Merwin	Isaac S. and Alba M. Baldwin.

1841.

ly 9—	John Carle	Abby La Rue C., wife of Benj. Bloom.
"	Mary B.	James and Fanny B. Kershaw.
"	William Henry	Philinda E., wife of Dr. Harvey Harris.
"	George Alfred	Charlotte M., wife of Alfred Purdy.
pt. 13—	Gertrude	Peter and Ann Fryer.
tr 8—	Fanny Mariah	James and Fanny B. Kershaw.

BAPTIZED BY REV. SETH WILLISTON.

1844.

eb'y 9—	George	Almeda, wife of Peter W. Potter.
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BAPTIZED BY REV. WILLIAM M. RICHARDS.

1844.

ay 3—	Harriet Sarah	Benjamin and Eliza H. Chapman.
"	Catharine Fitch	Elizabeth A. G., wife of Nelson C. Chapman.
"	Mary Elizabeth	Mary, widow of James Maddock.
"	George Adams	George A. and Elnora A. A. Jacobs.

BAPTIZED BY REV. CHARLES P. JENNINGS.

1846.

Charles Nelson	Mary W. P., wife of Nelson B. Hale.
Julia Frances	" " "

1847.

Frederick	Caroline D. F., wife of John Mitchell.
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BAPTIZED BY REV. DANIEL CLARK, JR.

1847.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
June 13—	Zoe Louise.....	Charles E. and Cynthia Northrup.
Aug. 10—	Henry.....	Charlotte M., wife of Alfred Purdy
Aug. 8—	Two Infant Children.	Charles W. and Cornelia L. C. Babco

1848.

May 14—	John Richards.....	James and Fanny B. Kershaw.
"	Julia Amanda.....	Samuel W. and Polly M. Williams.
Nov. 11—	Harriet Mitchell	Mary K. F., wife of John Wait, Esc
"	Esther	David and Eunice Barber.

1849.

May 12—	Frances Mary.....	Darwin and Margaret A. Davis.
Aug. 11—	William Snow.....	Ezra and Harriet A. R. Hewitt.
"	Augustus Henry	Henry W. and Catharine M. H. Cha berlin.

1850.

May 18—	Mary Elizabeth	John and Elizabeth O. Hammond.
Aug. 10—	Sarah Cornelia	James and Fanny B. Kershaw.
"	Nathaniel Hinckley	Catharine M. H., widow of Henry Chamberlin.
"	Ellen Augusta	Mary W. P., wife of Nelson B. Hal
"	Mary Eliza	" " "
Nov. 9—	Bradley Seymour	Daniel E. and Catharine A. P. Tea

1851.

May 10—	Mary Caroline	Abby M. H., wife of Chester N. Hinsd
"	John Wait.....	Caroline D. F., wife of John Mitch
Aug. 9—	Charles Augustus	Samuel W. and Polly M. Williams.
"	William Henry	Emeline, wife of John Walker.
"	Alice.....	" "
Aug. 20—	John Grandin.....	J. De Witt and Cynthia Rexford.

BAPTIZED BY REV. SAMUEL W. BUSH.

1852.

April 28—	Florine Malvinia.....	Malvinia B., wife of Nelson Pellet.
"	Grace Bowen.....	" "

1853.

Franklin Benjamin...	Caroline D. F., wife of John Mitch
William Henry	Esther M., wife of Abel Comstock.
Rachel Amelia.....	" "
Emma Louise.....	" "
Charles Ezra.....	" "

1854.

Jane Mitchell.....	Thomas, Jr., and Jane M. Milner.
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1855.

Clara Rundel	Dr. Horatio K. and Margaret S. B. I lows.
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BAPTIZED BY REV. HIRAM DOANE.

1856.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
	Edwin Pratt.....	Mary W. P., wife of Nelson B. Hale.

1857.

g. 24—	Caroline Lena	George A. and Sophia M. Nagel.
	Lois Butler.....	Isaac S. and Jane C. D. Newton.

1858.

Howard Dunlap Isaac S. and Jane C. D. Newton.
(The last child baptized in the Wood Church.)

1859.

	William James	James and Ann A. McCaw.
	George	John and Eva M. V. Martz.
v. 23—	Catharine Mary.....	George A. and Sophia M. Nagel.

1860.

	Sophia Margaret	John and Eva M. V. Martz.
	Eugene.....	E. Hubbard and Cornelia Whitney.
	Duane	" "
	Frank Hall	John and Sarah S. Woods.

BAPTIZED BY REV. HIRAM DYER.

1860.

Caroline Rowena..... Caroline D. F., wife of John Mitchell.

BAPTIZED BY REV. SAMUEL SCOVILLE.

1862.

	Lewis Jackson.....	Lewis and Julia A. K. Kingsley.
	(First child ever baptized by Mr. Scoville.)	
	Isaac Burkett.....	Isaac S. and Jane C. D. Newton.
	(The first child baptized in the Brick Church.)	
	Harriet Beecher.....	Rev. Samuel and Harriet E. B. Scoville.
	Mary Isabel.....	George and Bridget McD. McMonagle.
	Sophia	George A. and Sophia M. Nagel.
	Herman Joseph.....	Mary A. H., wife of Joseph Halberg.
	Amy	" "
	Ella.....	" "

1863.

	Charles Ansel.....	B. Gage and Ada M. W. Berry.
	Jane Steere	Dr. Horatio K. and Margaret S. B. Bel- lows.
	Benjamin Gorton	Lewis and Julia A. K. Kingsley.
	Joseph Herman.....	Mary A. H., wife of Joseph Halberg.
	Warren James.....	Isaac S. and Jane C. D. Newton.

1864.

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
	William James	James G. and J. Frances F. Thompson
	Emma	Mary A. H., wife of Joseph Halber
	Stella Scoville	Benjamin B. and Electa A. K. Port
	May	" " "
	Eva	John and Eva M. V. Martz.
	Ella	" "

1865.

July	Jane Campbell	Isaac S. Newton.
	—William Noah	William C. and Eliza M. S. Rogers.
	William	James and Mary R. T. Raney.

1866.

Hiram David	Orra M. and Fannie A. K. Hughson
Annie Howard	Rev. Samuel and Harriet E. B. Scovil
Mary M. Buckelew	Orra M. and Fannie A. K. Hughson
Oliver Clark	Lewis and Julia A. K. Kingsley.
Frances Augusta	Charles L. and Julia A. B. Turner.
Charlie Hull	Sam'l H. and Christiana A. F. Weede
Horatio Bellows	" " "
Minnie	Benjamin B. and Electa A. K. Port
Margaret Anna	George and Bridget McD. McMonag
Helen Elizabeth	Hiram P. and Minerva L. B. Grant.
Charles Edward	" " "
William Albert	" " "

1867.

(No Baptisms.)

1868.

Eva Maria	William D. and Mary J. W. Porter.
Catharine	George and Bridget McD. McMonag
Mary Ellen	Charles and Margaret Moeller.
George Augustus	" "
William Henry	George and Catharine K. Letterman
Catharine Elizabeth	" " "
George Frederick	" " "

1869.

June 6--	George	James and Mary R. T. Raney.
	Margaret Bockee	Dr. Horatio and Margaret S. B. B
		lows,
"	Charles Bennett	Charles L. and J. Alice B. Turner.
"	Mary Elizabeth	Henry C. and Amelia F. Hall.
"	Mary	Dr. Henry, Jr., and Elizabeth M.
		Mitchell.
"	Orrena Mary	Orra M. and Fannie A. K. Hughson
"	Frederick Foote	James G. and J. Frances F. Thompson
"	Henry Ward Beecher	Rev. Samuel and Harriet E. B. Scovil

1870.

William Porter, (Jr.)	William P. and Mary E. C. Chapma
Charles Foote	Henry C. and Amelia F. Hall.
Archer Lewis	Sam'l H. and Christiana A. F. Weede

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
	Flora May.....	Hiram P. and Minerva L. B. Grant.
	Edward George.....	Joseph E. and Barbara V. Biekert.
	Arthur Redington.....	Samuel I. and Laura A. R. Foote.
	Grace Mary.....	Mary B. Mitchell, (grandmother.)

1871.

	Guy Wescott	Horace P. and Ella G. W. Breed.
tr 1—	Nathan Albert.....	Albert and Mary M. W. Beals.
	John George.....	Andrew and Mary G. Feig.
	George Conrad.....	Martin and Eva V. Schweitzer.
	George William.....	George and Christina V. Obenauer.
	Joseph	Daniel and Mrs. Zimmerman.

1872.

g. 4—	Catharine Bockee.....	Dr. Horatio K. Bellows.
“	Dillaye Guernsey	James G. and J. Frances F. Thompson.
“	Samuel.....	Rev. Samuel and Harriet E. B. Scoville.
	Jennie Rider.....	Theo. De Witt and Sarah F. B. Miller.
	John Henry	John and Rosalie Haak.
	Charlotte Stewart.....	Julia A. W., wife of Chas. S. Moore.

1873.

	Edith	Robt. A. and Elizabeth P. P. Stanton.
	Margaret	“ “ “
	Henry Clinton.....	Henry C. and Amelia F. Hall
	Mary Bushnell.....	William E. and Mary B. Reed.
	Roswell Curtis.....	William P. and Mary E. C. Chapman.
	Henry	Lars G. and Amelia C. Larson.

1874.

r. 24—	John George	Andrew and Mary G. Feig.
“	George Frederick	“ “ “
ne 14—	Edward Payson.....	Isaac S. and Jane N. Newton
“	Mary Elizabeth	“ “ “
“	John David.....	Rachel A. C., wife of David Shattuck.
“	Hattie Comstock.....	“ “ “
“	Nathan Pendleton.....	Robert A. and Elizabeth P. P. Stauton.
“	William Herbert	Rev. Samuel and Harriet E. B. Scoville.
“	Annie	William S. and Harriet J. P. Hewitt.
“	Fanny	William E. and Mary B. Reed.
“	William Randall.....	Ella G. W., wife of Horace P. Breed.
“	George Harvey	Hannah M. B., wife of Geo. A. Harris.
“	Charles Truman	“ “ “
“	Nellie Amelia	Andrew J. and Phebe A. W. Phelps.
“	Clarence Osborn.....	Minnie B., wife of George B. Kemp.

1875.

ne 3—	Mary Emma.....	Theo. DeWitt and Sarah F. B. Miller.
“	Grace Purdy.....	M. Kathleen P., (wife of Charles F. Hall) and Dr. C. M. Purdy, (grandfather.)
“	Louise Helena.....	Sam'l H. and Christiana A. F. Weeden.
“	Hattie May	Henry J. and Celinda E. H. Winsor.
g. 1—	Annie Augusta	William and E. Augusta H. Breese.
“	Hattie Davis.....	“ “ “

MONTH.	CHILDREN'S NAMES.	PARENTS OFFERING THEM.
Aug. 1—	Kittie L.	Phebe J. A., wife of Van Buren Cra
"	George A.	" " "
"	George Henry	Wm. H. and Hattie M. B. Makepea
"	Hattie Elizabeth	" " "
"	Lewis George	Lewis W. and Mary E. S. Curtis.

1876.

July 9—	Charles Robert	Robt. A. and Elizabeth P. P. Stant
"	Nellie Frances	Jane M. M. (wid. of Frank H. Smi and C. A. Smith, (grandfather.)

1877.

Jan'y 19—	George Henry	Richard and Mary Minerva Godfrey
"	Frederick	" " "
		(Parents also baptized.)
June 10—	William Weiler	Josephine F. W., wife of E. M. Dibble
"	Arthur J. E.	" " "
"	Martha Avery	John G. and Kittie G. Clark.
"	Ida Mariah	Norman and Martha M. E. Squires.
"	Burdett	" " "
"	Morell	" " "
"	Minnie Adell	" " "
June 21—	Daniel	Daniel B. and Maggie McD. Cook.
Sept. 2—	Frank Warren	Charles F. and M. Kathleen P. Hall
Oct'r 7—	Clara Bradner	Dr. Horatio K. and Charlotte A. Bellows.

1878.

Feb'y 3—	Henry Walter	Wellington and Lucy D. Winsor.
"	George Wellington	(Twins) " "
June 9—	Florine Pellet	John P. and Grace B. P. Hall.
"	Fannie Laura	Wm. H. and Hattie M. B. Makepea
"	Edward Burton	William B. and Sarah E. B. Stodda
"	Mary Louise	George and Christina V. Obenauer.
Oct'r 6—	Charles Hale	Charles A. and Mary E. H. Barnard
Nov. 3—	Grace May	Norman and Mary M. E. Squires.

1879.

June 1—	Edwin Sanford	Martin L. and Mary I. P. Dalton.
"	Mary Roxana	Frank O. and Mary A. K. Graves.
"	Mabel Edith	" " "
"	Merton Edwin	Edwin L. and Melona A. T. Graves
"	Frederick James	Daniel B. and Maggie McD. Cook.
"	Ettie Valeria	Ashur B. and Mary E. S. Young.
"	Angie Mabel	Lucy D., wife of Wellington O. Wins
July 6—	May Alice	Charles L. and J. Alice B. Turner.

History of the Sunday School.

As no records have been kept, all the history that is now given of the Sunday School has been gathered from the older members of the church. It is therefore impossible to give dates, or, except in a general way, to state any fact with accuracy.

Some time in 1815, Mrs. Truman Enos, Mrs. Joseph S. Fenton, and Lida Mersereau gathered about thirty children, and organized them into a Sunday School, and it became one of the institutions of the church. Joseph S. Fenton was elected the first Superintendent. After a time a library was procured, but how is not known. It was kept in Mr. Fenton's store, and every Saturday afternoon the books were put in a row on the counter, and the children came in and drew them. Those Saturday afternoons were looked forward to with great interest by the children.

Whenever the Church service was held in the Court House, the school was held there, and it probably followed the Church to the school house, and to other rooms where services were held. After the meeting house was built, the School was held in it, and after the basement was fitted up it occupied that until the building burned in 1858. It was then held in the Academy; then in the Ware Room Hall; then in Concert Hall; then in the Audience Room of the Church, from June, 1862, to October, 1874. Since that time it has had a room of its own in the new Church.

How long Mr. Fenton held the office of Superintendent is not known; and it is very uncertain who followed him. Some think it was his brother Loring. He was once the Superintendent, but when is not known. After them came at different times—dates unknown—John N. Dean, J. De Witt Rexford, Dea. Samuel W. Williams, David Butolph, James Kershaw. Abner W. Warner was elected about 1847, and held the office nine years. B. Gage Berry was elected about 1857, and held the office about seven years. Then Mr. Scoville one year; then Benjamin B. Porter two years; Samuel I. Foote two years. In 1870, I. S. Newton was elected; in 1873, Mr. Scoville; and in 1876, Charles H. Stanton, who still (July, 1879,) holds the office.

It is not known who were Assistant Superintendents in the early School. Mrs. Marvin Wicks was Assistant part of the time that Mr. Warner was Superintendent. About 1857, Mrs. E. Hewitt was elected, and every year was re-elected until 1874—more than sixteen years. In April of that year Mrs. C. R. Johnson was elected, and January 1, 1876, was succeeded by Mrs. J. G. Thompson, who still holds the office. For a number of years Mrs. C. G. Sumner taught the Infant Class. In 1875 the Class was made into a Primary Department, and Mrs. C. R. Johnson put in charge of it, as Superintendent. She still retains the office.

At one time in the early years of the School, Miss Lucia Hinckley gathered the first class of colored children, brought them in and taught them. This was before the days of the XV. Amendment, and was so unusual a circumstance that it caused a great deal of remark; but Miss Hinckley did not flinch from her duty to her class.

From its organization until about twenty years ago, the School was held at noon, between the morning and afternoon services. Then the afternoon service was given up, and the Sunday School was held at one o'clock, for about ten years. Then the time was changed to 12:20 immediately after morning service, and has so remained.

RULES.

(Adopted by the Church, June 26th, 1879.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time for the election of officers shall be the last Session of the Sunday School before the first day of January of each year.

All officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices for one year.

Those entitled to vote at such elections are:

The Pastor;

Every member of the Church;

Every member of the Bible Class, not a member of the Church;

Every member of the General Sunday School, not a member of the Church;

Every officer and teacher of the Primary Department, not a member of the Church;

Every parent not a member of the Church, whose children are members of the School.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Pastor as Chairman, all officers and teachers of the Sunday School, and the Church Committee, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the general oversight of the School.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SUPERINTENDENT:

CHARLES H. STANTON.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER:

Mrs. JAMES G. THOMPSON.

LIBRARIAN:

CHARLES R. JOHNSON.

ASSISTANTS:

CHARLES W. H. FRANKLIN, JOHN E. GLADDING.

CHORISTER:

CHARLES B. CHAPMAN.

ORGANIST:

Miss EDITH ROGERS.

PIANIST:

Miss HATTIE HUNT.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mrs. CHARLES R. JOHNSON.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Rev. SAMUEL SCOVILLE.

Exercises of the Sixty-fifth Anniversary

On Sunday, June 22, 1879, the following anniversaries of this Church were celebrated: The sixty-fifth of the organization (June 19, 1814); the sixtieth of the dedication of the first Church building (July 1819); the fifty-ninth of the installation of the first Pastor (June 1820); and the eighteenth of the engagement with Mr. Scoville, present Pastor (June 23, 1861.)

The services began at the regular hour (10:45 A. M.), and followed about the same order as usual on Sabbath morning, opening with organ voluntary by Mrs. Mitchell, the organist. The Choir chanted "Praise the Lord, Oh my Soul;" the Pastor made the prayer of Invocation, and read the first chapter of Ephesians; the Choir chanted "Lord's Prayer;" Psalm XXIV. was read responsively; a Te Deum by the Choir; Prayer by the Pastor; Singing of Hymn 989, Plymouth Collection; Sermon by the Pastor, from Eph. I:3; Singing of Hymn 989 and Benediction.

The pulpit, choir and organ were profusely trimmed with flowers and house-plants, gathered and arranged by Mrs. Scoville, Mrs. W. Chapman and other ladies; and on the wall behind the pulpit were placed the dates 1814-1819, on either side the permanent Scripture text, "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness." The sermon was a partial review of the history of the country, the village and Church, drawing from them evidences of God's care and leading, cause for great encouragement and hope for the future.

At 12:30 the Sunday School assembled as usual, in the auditorium, and there remained, omitting the study of the lesson. The history of the School (see page 109) was read by Robert D. Eaton; short addresses were made by Samuel I. Foote and the Pastor, who had been Superintendents, and by Charles H. Stanton, the present Superintendent; by Dea. W. D. Porter, who had been Superintendent of Mission Schools at the "Quarter" and Wood's Corners; by George W. May and Dea. James McCaw, teachers—the latter a teacher in the School for twenty-two years. Addresses were expected from B. G. Berry, I. S. Newton, former Superintendents, and Mrs. C. G. Sumner,

former Infant Class Teacher, but they were not present. The exercises were enlivened by singing by the School of many of the old songs. By special invitation of this Church, the Baptist, F. W. Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal Churches of this village came together in a union meeting at 7:45 P. M., in the large audience room. The service opened with an organ voluntary by Mrs. Mitchell. The choir followed with the anthem, "The word of Jehovah standeth forever." The Pastor read Eph. III:14-21, and Rev. Alanson Benjamin (a Methodist) offered prayer. Anthem by the Choir, "How amiable are Thy Dwellings, Oh Lord." The Pastor introduced Rev. J. M. S. Haynes, Pastor of the Baptist Church, who gave an address on "The Advantages of the Christian Church to Norwich." Mr. Albert Cary then led the Congregation in singing Hymn 988 of Plymouth Collection, and the Pastor introduced Rev. C. E. Brockway, Pastor of F. W. Baptist Church, who gave an address on "Christian Unity." Another Hymn was led by Mr. Cary, and the Pastor introduced Rev. J. O. Woodruff, Pastor of the Methodist Church, who gave an address on "The Church of the Future." "Shall we gather at the the River?" was sung in closing, and the Pastor pronounced the Benediction.

The regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening, June 26th, was made a meeting of reminiscence, at which incidents were related regarding the old members and their devotion to the cause of Christ; and many an one bore testimony to the help and encouragement received from the earnest Christian words and examples of such men as Truman Enos, Elijah Chamberlin, David Buttolph, Levi Brooks, Jonathan Hitchcock, Dr. Daniel Bellows, Roswell R. Avery, Abner W. Varner, Samuel W. Williams and Col. Ezra Hewitt, and such women as Mrs. Susan B. Ray, Mrs. Adocia Smith, Mrs. Deborah Turner, Mrs. Phebe P. Weller, Mrs. Elvira U. Wicks, and many others who were faithful in their Christian walk, and now are at rest. Verily their children rise up and call them blessed, and their works do raise them in the gate.

